MAXIMAL WAP AND TAME QUOTIENTS OF TYPE SPACES

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Abstract. We study maximal WAP and tame (in the sense of topological dynamics) quotients of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, where \mathfrak{C} is a sufficiently saturated (called monster) model of a complete theory T , X is a Ø-type-definable set, and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the space of complete types over \mathfrak{C} concentrated on X. Namely, let $F_{\text{WAP}} \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \times S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ be the finest closed, Aut (\mathfrak{C}) -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ is WAP, and let $F_{\text{Tame}} \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \times S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ be the finest closed, $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}})$ is tame. We show good behaviour of $F_{\rm WAP}$ and $F_{\rm Tame}$ under changing the monster model \mathfrak{C} . Namely, we prove that if $\mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$ is a bigger monster model, F'_{WAP} and F'_{Tame} are the counterparts of F_{WAP} and F_{Tame} computed for \mathfrak{C}' , and $r: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the restriction map, then $r[F'_{\text{WAP}}] = F_{\text{WAP}}$ and $r[F'_{\text{Tame}}] = F_{\text{Tame}}$. Using these results, we show that the Ellis (or ideal) groups of $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ and $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}})$ do not depend on the choice of the monster model ${\mathfrak C}.$

1. INTRODUCTION

The project is to study maximal WAP and tame quotients (in the sense of topological dynamics) of type spaces over sufficiently saturated models (in the sense of model theory). In this paper, we show the fundamental property of "modeltheoretic absoluteness" of Ellis groups of such quotients, i.e., that they do not depend on the model for which they are computed.

Recall that a *flow* is pair (G, X) , where G is a topological group acting continuously on a compact (Hausdorff) space X . The essential for this paper terms appearing in this introduction are defined in Section [2.](#page-3-0)

Weakly almost periodic (or WAP) flows form a well-behaved family, playing a fundamental role in topological dynamics with applications to other areas, e.g. to ergodic theory (see [\[EN89\]](#page-30-0)). The minimal WAP flows are known to be equicontinuous and have been been classified as homogeneous spaces for compact groups [\[Aus88,](#page-29-0) Chapter 3, Theorem 6].

Tame flows, originating in [Kö95], form a wider important family, intensively studied in recent two decades by Glasner, Megrelishvili, and others (see e.g. [\[Gla07;](#page-30-1) [GM13;](#page-30-2) [Gla18;](#page-30-3) [GM18\]](#page-30-4)). In the case of metrizibale flows, tameness corresponds to one of the two situations in the so-called dynamical Bourgain, Fremlin, Talagrand dichotomy (see [\[GM04,](#page-30-5) Theorem 3.2]). A deep structure theorem on tame, metrizable, minimal flows was obtained by Glasner in [\[Gla18\]](#page-30-3). Tame flows are related to several other areas, e.g. Banach spaces, circularly ordered systems, substitutions

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and tilings, quasicrystals, cut and project schemes (so to the so-called theory of aperiodic order); see [\[Auj15\]](#page-29-1) and the survey [\[GM13\]](#page-30-2).

From the point of view of this paper, it is important that there exist direct correspondences between model-theoretic stability and WAP flows (discovered in [\[BY14;](#page-29-2) [BYT16\]](#page-29-3), see also [\[Con21;](#page-30-6) [HKP22\]](#page-30-7)), and between model-theoretic NIP and tame flows (discovered independently in [\[CS18\]](#page-30-8), [\[Iba16\]](#page-31-1), and [\[Kha20\]](#page-31-2), and further developed e.g. in [\[KR20\]](#page-31-3) and [\[CH23\]](#page-30-9)). One of the well-known forms of these kind of correspondences is that stability [resp. NIP] of a theory T is equivalent to saying that all flows of the form $(Aut(M), S(M))$ (where M is a model of T, $Aut(M)$ is the group of automorphisms of M , and $S(M)$ is the space of complete types over M in a fixed tuple of variables) are WAP [resp. tame] (e.g., see [\[KR20,](#page-31-3) Section 5]).

Stability theory is the core of model theory [\[She90;](#page-32-0) [Pil96\]](#page-32-1), and in the last three decades model theory has been focusing on extending the context of stability theory to wider classes of theories, which often requires new ideas and tools, and has applications to other branches of mathematics (e.g. to algebraic geometry and additive combinatorics). And one of the most deeply studied classes of theories extending stable theories is the class of theories with NIP (the non independence property); e.g., see [\[She05;](#page-32-2) [HPP08;](#page-31-4) [HP11;](#page-31-5) [CS18\]](#page-30-8).

Around 2005, Newelski came up with an idea of using tools from topological dynamics in order to extend some aspects of stability theory to much wider unstable situations [\[New09\]](#page-32-3). The point is that various spaces of types can be naturally treated as flows and so become objects of topological dynamics. Since then, the topic has been broadened by a multitude of authors: Ben Yaacov, Chernikov, Hrushovski, Krupiński, Newelski, Pillay, Rzepecki, Simon, and others (e.g., [\[CS18;](#page-30-8) [BYT16;](#page-29-3) [KNS19;](#page-31-6) [KPR18;](#page-31-7) [Pil13\]](#page-32-4)). This led not only to essentially new results in model theory (e.g. on the complexity of strong types in [\[KPR18;](#page-31-7) [KR20\]](#page-31-3)) but also to applications to additive combinatorics in [\[KP23b\]](#page-31-8).

Both in topological dynamics and in model theory, it is natural to study quotients by suitable equivalence relations. In topological dynamics, these are quotients of flows by closed, invariant equivalence relations (equivalently, homomorphic images of flows). In model theory, these are quotients of a sufficiently saturated model (or a subset of such a model) by nice (definable, type-definable, invariant, ...) equivalence relations. This includes strong types, hyperimaginary sorts, or quotients of definable groups by various model-theoretic connected components. A particular role is played by quotients by bounded (i.e. with few classes comparing to the degree of saturation of the model) equivalence relations; see e.g. [\[LP01;](#page-32-5) [HPP08;](#page-31-4) [HP11;](#page-31-5) [KPR18\]](#page-31-7). In recent papers [\[HP18;](#page-31-9) [KP22;](#page-31-10) [KP23a\]](#page-31-11), also maximal stable quotients entered the picture, mostly in the NIP context.

In this paper, we study maximal WAP and tame quotients of flows of the form $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$, where \mathfrak{C} is a sufficiently saturated model, X is a \emptyset -type-definable set, and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the space of complete types over \mathfrak{C} concentrated on X.

As mentioned above, in various contexts, stability corresponds to WAP and NIP to tameness. We check in Section [5](#page-22-0) that indeed the quotient of a \emptyset -type-definable set X by a \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation is stable [resp. NIP] if and only if the quotient of the type space $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ by the corresponding closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant equivalence relation is WAP [resp. tame]. However, in Proposition [5.5,](#page-23-0) we observe that for an arbitrary \emptyset -type-definable non-stable [resp. IP] set X, the finest closed, Aut(C)-invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with WAP [resp. tame] quotient

is never induced by a \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X (necessarily with stable [resp. NIP] quotient). Thus, one can expect that the maximal WAP [resp. tame] quotient of X captures more information about the theory in question than the quotient induced by the finest \emptyset -type-definable, stable [resp. NIP] equivalence relation on X.

The Ellis (or ideal) groups of flows play a very important role both in abstract topological dynamics (for example, in general structural theorems about minimal flows (e.g., see [\[Aus88;](#page-29-0) [Gla18\]](#page-30-3))) and in model theory (for example, to get new information about model-theoretic invariants such as G/G^{000} or the Lascar Galois group of the theory T denoted by $Gal_L(T)$ (see [\[KP17;](#page-31-12) [KPR18;](#page-31-7) [KR20\]](#page-31-3))), and in recent applications to additive combinatorics in [\[KP23b\]](#page-31-8). From the model-theoretic perspective, the so-called Newelski's conjecture (or Ellis group conjecture) turned out to be particularly influential (e.g., see [\[New09;](#page-32-3) [GPP15;](#page-30-10) [CS18;](#page-30-8) [KP17\]](#page-31-12)).

A good model-theoretic notion should be independent of the choice of the (sufficiently saturated) model in which it is defined. If this happens to be true, we say that the notion is (model-theoretically) *absolute*; one can also say that it is an invariant of the theory in question.

The main result of [\[KNS19\]](#page-31-6) says that the Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is absolute (i.e., does not depend on \mathfrak{C}). The main theorem of this paper says that the same is true for the Ellis groups of the maximal WAP and tame quotients of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. Below are detailed statements; the relevant definitions are given in further sections.

Let $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$ be models of a complete theory T which are κ -saturated and strongly κ -homogeneous, where κ is specified in the statements below. Let X be a Ø-typedefinable subset of \mathfrak{C}^{λ} (where λ is a cardinal number). Let F' be a closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C}')invariant equivalence relation defined on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, and F a closed, Aut (\mathfrak{C}) -invariant equivalence relation defined on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. We say that F' and F are compatible if $r[F'] = F$, where $r: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the restriction map.

Let $F_{\text{WAP}} \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \times S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ be the finest closed, $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ is WAP, and let $F_{\text{Tame}} \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \times S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ be the finest closed, $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}})$ is tame.

Here is the main result of this paper.

Theorem 1.1. The Ellis groups of the Aut(C)-flows $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{WAP}$ and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{Tame}$ (treated as groups with the τ -topology) do not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as \mathfrak{C} is $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous.

In fact, we prove the following general theorem.

Theorem 1.2. Assume that $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$ are \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous. If F' and F are compatible equivalence relations respectively on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, then the Ellis group of the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F')$ is topologically isomorphic to the Ellis group of the flow $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F)$.

Theorem [1.1](#page-2-0) is a consequence of Theorem [1.2](#page-2-1) and the following

Theorem 1.3. Assume $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$ are $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ homogeneous. Then F'_{WAP} is compatible with F_{WAP} and F'_{Tame} is compatible with F_{Tame} (where F'_{WAP} and F'_{Tame} are the counterparts of F_{WAP} and F_{Tame} computed for \mathfrak{C}').

The main result of [\[KNS19\]](#page-31-6) about absoluteness of the Ellis group of a theory was reproved in [\[Hru22\]](#page-31-13) using a new notion of infinitary definablity patterns structures.

In Section [2.3,](#page-9-0) we take the opportunity and present yet another approach and proof, using infinitary definablity patterns structures together with topological dynamics. This approach is inspired by Pierre Simon's seminar notes on [\[Hru22\]](#page-31-13). Various facts obtained in Section [2.3](#page-9-0) are then used in the proofs of Theorems [1.2](#page-2-1) and [1.3](#page-2-2) which are included in Sections [3](#page-14-0) and [4,](#page-16-0) respectively. Moreover, the approach from Section [2.3](#page-9-0) has a potential to be adapted to other contexts in the future (e.g., to Keisler measures or general topological dynamics).

In Section [4,](#page-16-0) there is also another related (but much easier) application of our general Theorem [1.2.](#page-2-1) Namely, let $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ [resp. $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$] be the finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X with stable [resp. NIP] quotient X/E . Let $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ [resp. $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ be the induced equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, as described after Proposition [2.3.](#page-5-0) By $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\prime \text{st}}$ [resp. $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\prime \text{NIP}}$] we denote the analogously defined equivalence relation for the model \mathfrak{C}' .

Proposition 1.4. Without any assumption on saturation, the relation $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{Ist}$ is compatible with $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{st}$, and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ is compatible with $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$.

Corollary 1.5. The Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{st}$ (treated as a topological group with the τ -topology) does not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as $\mathfrak C$ is at least \aleph_0 saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous.

In the above discussion, we are talking about the finest closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation F_{WAP} [resp. F_{Tame}] on the Aut(\mathfrak{C})-flow $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with WAP [resp. tame] quotient, and about the finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation $E_{\emptyset}^{\rm st}$ [resp. $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ on X with stable [resp. NIP] quotient. Why do they exist? The existence of F_{WAP} [resp. F_{Tame}] is a folklore knowledge in topological dynamics, which we explain in Section [2.2.](#page-5-1) The existence of $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ [resp. $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$] follows from fact that stable [resp. NIP] quotients are closed under taking products. In the stable case, this property is well-known, but we include a proof for the reader's convenience. Regarding NIP, the observation seems to be new and more involved. Both proofs are included in Appendix B.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Model theory. T will usually denote a first order complete theory in a language L. A model M of T is κ -saturated if every complete type $p \in S_n(A)$ over a subset A of M of cardinality less than κ has a realization in M; it is said to be strongly κ -homogeneous if every partial elementary map between subsets of M of cardinality less than κ extends to an isomorphism of M. By a monster model C of T one usually means a κ -saturated and strongly κ -homogeneous model for a sufficiently large cardinal κ (often a strong limit cardinal greater than $|T|$). But in this paper we will usually require much less about κ . Precise requirements will be given in the main results. In any case, the above κ is called the degree of saturation of \mathfrak{C} .

Let x be a tuple of variables of length λ (typically, $\lambda < \kappa$). By a \emptyset -type-definable set we mean a partial type $\pi(x)$ without parameters in variables x or the actual subset $X = \pi(\mathfrak{C})$ of \mathfrak{C}^{λ} . By $S_{\pi}(\mathfrak{C})$ or $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ we denote the space of complete types over $\mathfrak C$ concentrated on X, that is containing $\pi(x)$ as a set of formulas.

The group Aut(\mathfrak{C}) of automorphisms of \mathfrak{C} acts naturally on the left on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ by $\sigma(p) := \{\varphi(x, \sigma(a)) : \varphi(x, a) \in p\}.$ Then $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ is a flow with $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ equipped with the pointwise convergence topology.

Let $\mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$ be a bigger monster model whose degree of saturation is greater than $|\mathfrak{C}|$. Then the complete types over \mathfrak{C} can be realized in \mathfrak{C}' . For $p \in S(\mathfrak{C})$ and $a \in \mathfrak{C}'$, $a \models p$ or $p = \text{tp}(a/\mathfrak{C})$ means that a realizes p.

Let E be a \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on a \emptyset -type-definable subset $X = \pi(\mathfrak{C})$ of \mathfrak{C}^{λ} , with $\lambda < \kappa$ (where κ is the degree of saturation of \mathfrak{C}). The equivalence classes of E are called *hyperimaginary elements*, while all the sets of the form X/E are called *hyperdefinable sets* (over \emptyset).

Recall that the complete types over $\mathfrak C$ of elements of X'/E' (where $X' = \pi(\mathfrak C')$) and $E' := E(\mathfrak{C}')$ can be defined as the Aut $(\mathfrak{C}'/\mathfrak{C})$ -orbits on X'/E' , or the preimages of these orbits under the quotient map, or the partial types defining these preimages, or the classes of the closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant equivalence relation E on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ given by

$$
p\tilde{E}q \iff (\exists a \models p, b \models q) (aE'b).
$$

By $\text{tp}(a/E/\sigma)$ we denote the type of a/E over \mathfrak{C} . In particular,

$$
p\tilde{E}q \iff (\exists a \models p, b \models q) (\text{tp}(a/E' / \mathfrak{C}) = \text{tp}(b/E' / \mathfrak{C})).
$$

and

$$
p\tilde{E}q \iff (\forall a \models p, b \models q) (\text{tp}(a/E' / \mathfrak{C}) = \text{tp}(b/E' / \mathfrak{C})).
$$

The collection of all such types is denoted by $S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C})$ and is equipped with the quotient topology on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}$. Then $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}))$ becomes an Aut(\mathfrak{C})-flow.

Complete types of hyperimaginaries over any sets of parameters (in place of the whole \mathfrak{C}) are defined analogously. In particular, \tilde{E} is defined for any (not necessarily sufficiently saturated) model $\mathfrak C$ as long as E is \emptyset -type-definable in the sense that there exists a partial type $\rho(x, y)$ over \emptyset which defines an equivalence relation $E(M)$ on $X(M)$ in a sufficiently saturated (equivalently, in every) model M of T.

Recall now what it means that X/E is stable and NIP (see [\[HP18;](#page-31-9) [KP22\]](#page-31-10)).

Definition 2.1. We say that X/E is stable if for every indiscernible sequence $(a_i, b_i)_{i < \omega}$ with $a_i \in X/E$ for all (equivalently, some) $i < \omega$, we have

$$
tp(a_i, b_j) = tp(a_j, b_i)
$$

for all (some) $i \neq j < \omega$.

Definition 2.2. We say that X/E has NIP if there do not exist an indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i<\omega}$ and $d \in X/E$ such that $((d, b_{2i}, b_{2i+1}))_{i<\omega}$ is indiscernible and $tp(d, b_0) \neq tp(d, b_1).$

Note that the b_i 's in the above definitions can be anywhere, not necessarily in X/E .

The properties of stability and NIP for hyperdefinable sets are both preserved under (possibly infinite) Cartesian products and taking type-definable subsets. Closedness of stability under taking products was remarked (without a proof) in [\[HP18\]](#page-31-9); closedness of NIP under taking products seems to be a new result and the proof is more involved. Both proofs are included in Appendix [B.](#page-26-0) As a corollary of these results, in Corollary [B.1](#page-26-1) we obtain the existence of the finest \emptyset -definable equivalence relation on X with stable [resp. NIP] quotient. Below is a more precise information that partial types defining these finest equivalence relations do not depend on the choice of C.

Proposition 2.3. Given a partial type $\pi(x)$ over \emptyset (with $|x| = \lambda$), there exists a partial type $\pi^{st}(x, y)$ [resp. $\pi^{NIP}(x, y)$] over the empty set which for every $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ saturated model $\mathfrak C$ defines the finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on $X :=$ $\pi(\mathfrak{C})$ with stable [resp. NIP] quotient. This relation will be denoted by E_{\emptyset}^{st} [resp. E_{\emptyset}^{NIP}].

Proof. Let us fix a model \mathfrak{C} and $X \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$ as above. Corollary [B.1](#page-26-1) implies that a finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X with stable [resp. NIP] quotient exists. Let $\pi^{\rm st}$ [resp. $\pi^{\rm NIP}$] be the partial type defining this relation. Put $X' := \pi(\mathfrak{C}') \subseteq \mathfrak{C}'^{\lambda}$ where \mathfrak{C}' is a different $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -saturated model. It is a routine exercise to check that $\pi^{\text{st}}(\mathfrak{C}', \mathfrak{C}')$ [resp. $\pi^{\text{NIP}}(\mathfrak{C}', \mathfrak{C}')$] defines the finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X' with stable [resp. NIP] quotient. \square

Even if $\mathfrak C$ is not sufficiently saturated, then by $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ we could mean $\pi^{\text{st}}(X(\mathfrak C), X(\mathfrak C)).$ However, we do not need to talk about it, as we will only work with the equivalence relation $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ which is defined as we did above. Namely,

$$
p\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}q \iff (\exists a \models p, b \models q)(\pi^{\text{st}}(a, b)),
$$

where a, b are taken in a big monster model. Similarly for NIP, we are interested in the relation $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ defined by

$$
p\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}q \iff (\exists a \models p, b \models q)(\pi^{\text{NIP}}(a, b)).
$$

By E'^{st}_\emptyset , E'^{NIP}_\emptyset , $\tilde{E}'^{\text{st}}_\emptyset$, and $\tilde{E}'^{\text{NIP}}_\emptyset$ we denote the relations defined as above but working with \mathfrak{C}' in place of \mathfrak{C} (where \mathfrak{C}' is another model of T).

2.2. Topological dynamics. We recall various definitions and state some facts concerning topological dynamics. For a more in depth study of the topic see e.g. [\[Aus88\]](#page-29-0) and [\[Gla76\]](#page-30-11). A concise presentation (with proofs) of basic Ellis theory can be found in Appendix A of [\[Rze18\]](#page-32-6).

In this paper, compact spaces are Hausdorff by definition.

Definition 2.4. • A G-flow is a pair (G, X) consisting of a topological group G that acts continuously on a compact space X .

• If (G, X) is a G-flow, then its Ellis semigroup $E(X)$ is the pointwise closure in X^X of the set of functions $\pi_g : x \mapsto g \cdot x$ for $g \in G$.

Fact 2.5. The Ellis semigroup of a G -flow (G, X) is a compact left topological semigroup with composition as its semigroup operation. Moreover, $E(X)$ is itself a G-flow equipped with the action $g\eta := \pi_g \circ \eta$ for $g \in G$ and $\eta \in E(X)$.

Recall that a left ideal I of a semigroup S, written as $I \subseteq S$, is a subset of S such that $SI \subset I$.

The following is due to Ellis [\[Ell69\]](#page-30-12). For a proof see also [\[Rze18,](#page-32-6) Fact A.8].

Fact 2.6. Let (G, X) be a flow. Minimal left ideals of $E(X)$ exist and coincide with the minimal subflows of $(G, E(X))$. If $\mathcal{M} \leq E(X)$ is a minimal left ideal, then:

- The ideal M is closed and for every $a \in \mathcal{M}$ we have $\mathcal{M} = E(X)a$.
- The set of idempotents of M, denoted by $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$, is nonempty. Moreover, $\mathcal{M} = \bigsqcup_{u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})} u \mathcal{M}.$
- For every $u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$, $u\mathcal{M}$ is a group with the neutral element u. Moreover, the isomorphism type of this group does not depend on the choice of u and M. We will call it the Ellis group of X. (This is the terminology used by model theorists; in the topological dynamics literature "Ellis group" usually denotes a related but different object.)
- Let $u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$. For any minimal left ideal N there exists an idempotent $v \in \mathcal{N}$ such that $vu = u$ and $uv = v$.
- For every $u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$ and $s \in \mathcal{M}$, $su = s$.

Let (G, X) be a flow, $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft E(X)$ a minimal lef ideal, and $u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$. The Ellis group $u\mathcal{M}$ has the inherited topology from $E(X)$. However, there exists another important topology on $u\mathcal{M}$, called the τ -topology. We recall it now (for the proofs see [\[Rze18,](#page-32-6) Appendix A]). First, for any $a \in E(X)$ and $B \subseteq E(X)$ let $a \circ B$ be the set of all limits of the nets $(g_i b_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ such that $g_i \in G$, $b_i \in B$ and lim $g_i = a$ (where g_i is identified with π_{g_i}). The closure operator cl_{τ} on subsets of $u\mathcal{M}$ is given by $\text{cl}_{\tau}(B) := u\mathcal{M} \cap (u \circ B) = u(u \circ B)$ (for $B \subseteq u\mathcal{M}$). The τ -topology is the topology induced on uM by the closure operator cl_{τ} . The Ellis group uM equipped with with the τ -topology is a quasi-compact T_1 semitopological group (i.e. the group operation is separately continuous). In fact, in the third item of Fact [2.6,](#page-5-2) we have that the isomorphism type of u M as a group equipped with the τ -topology does not depend on the choice of u and M (for a proof see e.g. [\[Rze18,](#page-32-6) Fact A.37]).

For a proof of the following fact see [\[Rze18,](#page-32-6) Proposition 5.41].

Fact 2.7. Let (G, X) and (G, Y) be two G-flows, and let $\Phi : X \to Y$ be a G-flow epimorphism. Then $\Phi_* : E(X) \to E(Y)$ given by

$$
\Phi_*(\eta)(\Phi(x)) := \Phi(\eta(x))
$$

is a continuous epimorphism.

- If M is a minimal left ideal of $E(X)$ and $u \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M})$, then:
	- $\mathcal{M}' := \Phi_*[\mathcal{M}]$ is a minimal left ideal of $E(Y)$ and $u' = \Phi_*(u) \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{M}')$.
	- $\Phi_*\upharpoonright_{u\mathcal{M}}: u\mathcal{M} \to u'\mathcal{M}'$ is a group epimorphism and a quotient map in the τ -topologies.

Moreover, if $\Phi: X \to Y$ is a G-flow isomorphism, then $\Phi_*\vert_{u \setminus M}: u \mathcal{M} \to \Phi(u) \Phi[\mathcal{M}]$ is a group isomorphism and a homeomorphism in the τ -topologies.

From the last item of Fact [2.6,](#page-5-2) we easily deduce the following:

Remark 2.8. If X is a G-flow, M a minimal left ideal in $E(X)$, and $u \in M$ an idempotent, then the map $f: u \mathcal{M} \to \text{Sym}(\text{Im}(u))$ given by $f(\eta) := \eta|_{\text{Im}(u)}$ is a group monomorphism.

We now briefly discuss Ellis semigroups in a model-theoretic context. In particular, we recall the definition of content, introduced in [\[KNS19,](#page-31-6) Definition 3.1], which will be an important tool in this paper.

Definition 2.9. Fix $A \subseteq B$.

- For $p(x) \in S(B)$, the content of p over A is the following set:
- $c_A(p) := \{(\varphi(x, y), q(y)) \in \mathcal{L}(A) \times S_y(A) : y \text{ is finite and } \varphi(x, b) \in p(x) \text{ for some } b \models q\}.$
	- Similarly, the content of a sequence $p_0(x), \ldots, p_n(x) \in S(B)$ over $A, c_A(p_0, \ldots, p_n)$, is defined as the set of all $(\varphi_0(x, y), \ldots, \varphi_n(x, y), q(y)) \in \mathcal{L}(A)^n \times S_y(A)$ with y finite such that for some $b \models q$ and for every $i \leq n$ we have $\varphi_i(x, b) \in p_i$.

If $A = \emptyset$, we simply omit it.

The fundamental connection between contents and the Ellis semigroup of the flow $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_{\pi}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is the following. For a proof see [\[KNS19,](#page-31-6) Proposition 3.5]. In fact, in this result it is enough to assume that \mathfrak{C} is strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous.

Fact 2.10. Let $\pi(x)$ be a partial type over \emptyset , $S_{\pi}(\mathfrak{C})$ the set of complete types over $\mathfrak C$ extending π , and (p_0, \ldots, p_n) and (q_0, \ldots, q_n) sequences from $S_{\pi}(\mathfrak C)$. Then $c(q_0,\ldots,q_n) \subseteq c(p_0,\ldots,p_n)$ if and only if there exists $\eta \in E(S_{\pi}(\mathfrak{C}))$ such that $\eta(p_i) = q_i$ for every $i \leq n$.

Definition 2.11. Let $\pi(x)$ be a partial type over \emptyset and (p_0, \ldots, p_n) and (q_0, \ldots, q_n) sequences from $S_{\pi}(\mathfrak{C})$. We write $(q_0, \ldots, q_n) \leq^c (p_0, \ldots, p_n)$ if $c(q_0, \ldots, q_n) \subseteq$ $c(p_0, \ldots, p_n)$.

For the rest of the section we fix a G -flow (G, X) . Let $C(X)$ denote the space of all continuous real-valued maps on X. Given $f \in C(X)$ and $g \in G$, we define $gf \in C(X)$ by $(gf)(x) := f(g^{-1}x)$. This is a left action of G on $C(X)$.

We recall two important classes of flows: *weakly almost periodic flows* and tame flows. For a more in depth treatment of the topic we recommend [\[EN89\]](#page-30-0) for weakly almost periodic flows and [\[GM18\]](#page-30-4) for tame ones.

Recall that the *weak topology* on $C(X)$ is defined as the coarsest topology such that for every bounded (equivalently, continuous with respect to the supremum norm) linear functional $\ell : C(X) \to \mathbb{R}$, the map

$$
\ell: C(X) \to \mathbb{R}
$$

is continuous.

Definition 2.12. We say that a function $f \in C(X)$ is weakly almost periodic (WAP) if $(gf : g \in G)$ is relatively compact in the weak topology on $C(X)$. A flow (G, X) is WAP if every $f \in C(X)$ is WAP.

The following fact is due to Grothendieck [\[Gro52\]](#page-30-13) (see also [\[KL16,](#page-31-14) Appendix D]).

Fact 2.13. Let X_0 be any dense subset of X. Let $f \in C(X)$. The following are equivalent:

- \bullet f is WAP.
- $\{gf : g \in G\}$ is relatively compact in the topology of pointwise convergence on $C(X)$.
- The pointwise closure of $\{gf : g \in G\}$ is contained in $C(X)$.
- For any sequences $(g_n f)_{n \leq \omega} \subseteq \{gf : g \in G\}$ and $(x_n)_{n \leq \omega} \subseteq X_0$ we have

$$
\lim_{n} \lim_{m} g_n f(x_m) = \lim_{m} \lim_{n} g_n f(x_m)
$$

whenever both limits exits.

The next two facts will be useful in this paper:

Fact 2.14. For any flow (G, X) , the WAP functions form a closed (with the supremum norm) unital subalgebra of $C(X)$.

The above fact is well-known and can be easily shown using Fact [2.13.](#page-7-0) Combining it with the Stone-Weierstrass theorem, we obtain the second fact:

Fact 2.15. If $A \subseteq C(X)$ is a family of functions that separate points, then (G, X) is WAP if and only if every $f \in A$ is WAP.

Definition 2.16. We say that a sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n \leq \omega} \in C(X)$ is independent *if there are real numbers* $r < s$ such that

$$
\bigcap_{n\in P} f_n^{-1}(-\infty,r)\cap \bigcap_{n\in M} f_n^{-1}(s,\infty)\neq \emptyset
$$

for all finite disjoint $P, M \subset \omega$. Given a dense $X_0 \subseteq X$, we can equivalently require

$$
\bigcap_{n\in P} f_n^{-1}(-\infty, r) \cap \bigcap_{n\in M} f_n^{-1}(s, \infty) \cap X_0 \neq \emptyset
$$

for all finite disjoint $P, M \subset \omega$.

Definition 2.17. Let $\{f_n : X \to \mathbb{R}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a uniformly bounded sequence of functions. We say that this sequence is an ℓ_1 -sequence on X if there exists a real constant $a > 0$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and choices of real numbers c_1, \ldots, c_n we have

$$
a \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i| \le \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i \right\|_{\infty}.
$$

The following equivalences can be found in [\[GM18,](#page-30-4) Theorem 2.4]

Fact 2.18. The following are equivalent for a bounded $F \subseteq C(X)$:

- F does not contain an independent sequence.
- F does not contain an ℓ_1 -sequence.
- Each sequence in F has a pointwise convergent subsequence in \mathbb{R}^X .

Definition 2.19. We say that a function $f \in C(X)$ is tame if $\{gf : g \in G\}$ does not contain an independent sequence. A flow (G, X) is tame if every $f \in C(X)$ is tame.

The next two facts will be useful throughout this paper:

Fact 2.20. For any flow (G, X) , the tame functions form a closed (with the supremum norm) unital subalgebra of $C(X)$.

A proof can be found e.g. in [\[Rze18,](#page-32-6) Fact 2.72]. From this fact and Stone-Weierstrass theorem, we obtain the following:

Fact 2.21. If $A \subseteq C(X)$ is a family of functions that separate points, then (G, X) is tame if and only if every $f \in A$ is tame.

By compactness, every epimorphism $\rho: X \to Y$ of G-flows is automatically a topological quotient map (meaning that a subset of Y is open if and only if its preimage under ρ is open) and can be identified with the quotient map $X \to X/\sim$, where \sim is the closed, invariant equivalence relation on X given by $x \sim y \iff$ $\rho(x) = \rho(y)$. Conversely, every closed, invariant equivalence relation ~ on X yields the quotient G-flow $(G, X/\sim)$ and the quotient epimorphism $X \to X/\sim$.

We already defined a left action of G on $C(X)$: $(gf)(x) := f(g^{-1}x)$. By a unital, closed G-subalgebra of $C(X)$ we mean a closed (in the supremuem norm topology) subalgbra of $C(X)$ which is closed under the left action of G and contains the constant function equal to 1. The next fact belongs to folklore and an easy proof is left as a routine exercise using Stone-Weierstrass theorem.

Fact 2.22. Let (G, X) be a flow. There is a 1-1 correspondence between closed, invariant equivalence relations on X and closed, unital G -subalgebras of $C(X)$.

More precisely, for any closed, invariant equivalence relation \sim on X, let Y := X/\sim and $\pi: X \to Y$ be the quotient map, and put

$$
\Phi(\sim) := \{ f \circ \pi : f \in C(Y) \}.
$$

Conversely, for any closed, unital G-subalgebra $\mathcal A$ of $C(X)$ put

$$
\Psi(\mathcal{A}):=\sim,
$$

where $x \sim y$ if and only if $f(x) = f(y)$ for all $f \in \mathcal{A}$. Then Φ is a bijection from the set of closed, invariant equivalence relations on X to the set of closed, unital G-subalgebras of $C(X)$, and Ψ is the inverse of Φ .

Remark 2.23. Let $\rho: X \to Y$ be an epimorphism of G-flows. Let $h \in C(Y)$ and $f := h\rho$. Then $f \in C(X)$ and:

- (1) f is WAP if and only if h is WAP.
- (2) f is tame if and only if h is tame.

Proof. Item (1) follows immediately from the characterization of WAP via the double limit criterion from Fact [2.13.](#page-7-0) Item (2) follow directly from the definition of t ame flows.

Corollary 2.24. Let (G, X) be a flow.

- (1) There exists a finest closed, invariant equivalence relation F_{WAP} on X such that the quotient flow $(G, X/F_{WAP})$ is WAP.
- (2) There exists a finest closed, invariant equivalence relation F_{tame} on X such that the quotient flow $(G, X/F_{tame})$ is tame.

Proof. Let $\text{WAP}(X) \subseteq C(X)$ be the set of all WAP functions on X, and Tame(X) \subseteq $C(X)$ the set of all tame functions on X. By Facts [2.14](#page-7-1) and [2.20,](#page-8-0) we know that both $\text{WAP}(X)$ and $\text{Tame}(X)$ are closed, unital subalgebras of $C(X)$. And it is clear that they are G-subalgebras. By Fact [2.22](#page-9-1) and Remark [2.23,](#page-9-2) the corresponding equivalence relations $F_{\text{WAP}} := \Psi(\text{WAP}(X))$ and $F_{\text{tame}} := \Psi(\text{Tame}(X))$ fulfill the requirements. \Box

We finally apply these general considerations to our model-theoretic context. So $\mathfrak C$ is a monster model of T (although here it could be actually any model of T), and X is a \emptyset -type-definable set (so here X does not denote a flow anymore). As explained in Section [2.1,](#page-3-1) we have the flow $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. By Corollary [2.24,](#page-9-3) there exists a finest closed, Aut (\mathfrak{C}) -invariant equivalence relation F_{WAP} on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ is WAP. Similarly, there exists a finest closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant equivalence relation F_{Tame} on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}})$ is tame. Whenever we work with another model denoted by \mathfrak{C}' , the corresponding equivalence relations will be denoted by F'_{WAP} and F'_{Tame} , respectively.

2.3. Infinitary definability patterns. We introduce the necessary machinery of infinitary definability patterns structure on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ that will be used throughout the rest of the paper. The results here are based on the first author's course on topological dynamics in model theory, which is an alternative approach to Hrushovski's "infinitary core" inspired by Pierre Simon's seminar notes on [\[Hru22\]](#page-31-13). This approach is a combination of Simon's approach to Hrushovski's definability patterns and

topological dynamics, and has a potential to wide generalizations, e.g. to Keisler measures or more general topological dynamics contexts, which will be studied in the future. The notion of ip-minimal set below, some basic lemmas about it, and an application to get Theorem [2.41](#page-13-0) are adapted from Simon's notes.

We will assume in this section that $\mathfrak C$ is at least \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 homogeneous. Let X be a \emptyset -type-definable set of tuples of arbitrary (possibly infinite) length λ and x be a corresponding tuple of variables (i.e., of length λ). All sets of parameters are contained in C.

The notions of content of a tuple of types \bar{p} (denoted by $c(\bar{p})$) and of the order \leq^c were already recalled in Definitions [2.9](#page-6-0) and [2.11.](#page-7-2) Now, we recall the notion of strong heir, which first appeared in [\[KNS19,](#page-31-6) Definition 3.2].

Definition 2.25. Let $M \prec \mathfrak{C}$ be contained in B and $q(x) \in S(B)$. We say that $q(x)$ is a strong heir extension of $q \upharpoonright_M (x)$ or that it is a strong heir over M if for every finite $m \subseteq M$ and finite tuple of variables y

$$
(\forall \varphi(x,y)\in\mathcal{L})(\forall b\subseteq B)[\varphi(x,b)\in q(x)\implies (\exists b'\subseteq M)(\varphi(x,b')\in q(x)\wedge b\underset{m}{\equiv}b')].
$$

The next fact is [\[KNS19,](#page-31-6) Lemma 3.3].

Fact 2.26. Assume $M \subseteq A \subseteq \mathfrak{C}$, where $M \prec \mathfrak{C}$ is \aleph_0 -saturated. Then each type $p(x) \in S(M)$ (in possibly infinitely many variables x) has an extension $p'(x) \in S(A)$ which is a strong heir over M.

The next definition is due to Hrushovski [\[Hru22\]](#page-31-13).

Definition 2.27 (Infinitary definability patterns structure on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$). For any ntuple $\overline{\varphi} = (\varphi_1(x, y), \dots, \varphi_n(x, y))$ of formulas in $\mathcal L$ with y finite and $q(y) \in S_y(\emptyset)$, we define $R_{\overline{\varphi},q}$ on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})^n$ by

$$
R_{\overline{\varphi},q}(\overline{p}) \iff (\varphi_1(x,y),\ldots,\varphi_n(x,y),q) \notin c(\overline{p}),
$$

where $\overline{p} = (p_1, \ldots, p_n)$, i.e., there is no $b \models q$ such that $\varphi_1(x, b) \in p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \varphi_n(x, b) \in$ p_n . The infinitary definability patterns structure on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ consists of all such relations $R_{\overline{\varphi},q}$. We denote by $\text{End}(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ the semigroup of endomorphisms of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ as the infinitary definability patterns structure.

In this section, we also consider $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ as the flow $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Recall that by $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ we denote the Ellis semigroup of this flow (see Definition [2.4\)](#page-0-0).

Lemma 2.28. We have the following:

- End $(S_X(\mathfrak{C})) = E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$.
- $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is homogeneous in the sense that any partial morphism between substructures of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ (i.e., any structure preserving map $f : A \rightarrow B$ where $A, B \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ extends to an endomorphism of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$.

Proof. End($S_X(\mathfrak{C})$) $\supseteq E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ follows from the right to left implication of Fact [2.10.](#page-7-3)

The inclusion $\text{End}(S_X(\mathfrak{C})) \subseteq E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ and homogeneity follow from the left to right implication of Fact [2.10](#page-7-3) and compactness of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$.

Proposition 2.29. Let $M \trianglelefteq E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ be a minimal left ideal and $u \in M$ and *idempotent.* Let $\overline{\mathcal{J}} := \text{Im}(u) \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. Then the map

$$
\delta: u\mathcal{M} \to \mathrm{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})
$$

given by $\delta(\eta) := \eta |_{\overline{\mathcal{J}}}$ is a group isomorphism, where $\text{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ is the group of automorphisms of $\overline{\mathcal{J}}$ as the infinitary definability patterns structure.

Proof. By Remark [2.8,](#page-6-1) δ is a monomorphism from $u\mathcal{M}$ to Sym $(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$. The fact that δ takes values in Aut $(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ follows from the first part of Lemma [2.28.](#page-10-0) The fact that δ is onto Aut $(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ follows by homogeneity of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$.

Proposition 2.30. For any minimal left ideals M, N of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ and idempotents $u \in \mathcal{M}$ and $v \in \mathcal{N}$, Im $(u) \cong \text{Im}(v)$ as the infinitary definability patterns structures.

Proof. By Fact [2.6,](#page-5-2) there is an idempotent $u' \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $vu' = u'$ and $u'v = v$. Then, $\text{Im}(u') = \text{Im}(v)$, so we can assume that $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N}$ without loss of generality. Then, $uv = u$ and $vu = v$, and so the maps

$$
u|_{\text{Im}(v)}: \text{Im}(v) \to \text{Im}(u)
$$

and

$$
v|_{\text{Im}(u)}: \text{Im}(u) \to \text{Im}(v)
$$

are mutual inverses. Hence, Im(v) ≅ Im(u) by Lemma [2.28.](#page-10-0) \Box

By Proposition [2.30,](#page-11-0) up to isomorphism, both $\overline{\mathcal{J}} = \text{Im}(u)$ and $\text{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ do not depend on the choice of the minimal left ideal M and idempotent $u \in M$.

The following definition is an analog of Hrushovski's definition of pp-topology for definability patterns [\[Hru22\]](#page-31-13).

Definition 2.31 (ipp-topology). The ipp-topology on $\text{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ is given by the subbasis of closed sets consisting of

$$
F_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r} := \{ f \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{J}) : R_{\overline{\varphi}, r}(f(p_1), \dots, f(p_m), q_1, \dots, q_n) \}
$$

for any $\varphi_1(x, y), \ldots, \varphi_{m+n}(x, y) \in \mathcal{L}, r \in S_u(\emptyset), \text{ and } p_1, \ldots, p_m, q_1, \ldots, q_n \in \overline{\mathcal{J}}.$

One can easily check that the above subbasis is in fact a basis of closed sets, i.e. the union of any two sets from this subbasis is the intersection of a family of subbasic sets, but we will not need it.

The proof of the next proposition is a bit technical, so we move it to Appendix [A.](#page-24-0)

Proposition 2.32. The map

$$
\delta: u\mathcal{M} \to \mathrm{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})
$$

from Proposition [2.29](#page-10-1) is a homeomorphism when uM is equipped with the τ -topology and $\text{Aut}(\overline{\mathcal{J}})$ with the ipp-topology.

Definition 2.33. A subset $Q \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is ip-minimal (from infinitary patterns minimal) if any morphism $f: Q \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is an isomorphism onto $\text{Im}(f)$.

Proposition 2.34. Let \overline{p} be an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ and $\overline{q} = \eta \overline{p}$ (coordinate-wise) for some $\eta \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Then the following are equivalent:

(1) \overline{q} is \leq^c minimal in $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\overline{p}$, where $\overline{q}' \leq^c \overline{q}''$ means

$$
(q'_{i_1}, \ldots q'_{i_n}) \leq^c (q''_{i_1}, \ldots q''_{i_n})
$$

for any finite sets of indices $i_1 < \cdots < i_n$, or equivalently,

$$
\overline{q}' \leq^c \overline{q}'' \iff \overline{q}' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\overline{q}''.
$$

- (2) The coordinates of \overline{q} form an ip-minimal subset Q.
- (3) η belongs to a minimal left ideal of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Take any $f: Q \rightarrow S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. Lemma [2.28](#page-10-0) implies that f can be extended to an endomorphism $\tilde{f}: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, and then $\eta := \tilde{f} \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Hence, $\eta \overline{q} \leq^c \overline{q}$. By minimality of \overline{q} , there is $\eta' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ such that $\eta' \eta \overline{q} = \overline{q}$. Thus, f is an isomorphism to its image by Lemma [2.28.](#page-10-0)

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$. Take any $\overline{q}' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\overline{p}$ such that $\overline{q}' \leq^c \overline{q}$, that is, $\overline{q}' = \eta \overline{q}$ for some $\eta \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. By Lemma [2.28,](#page-10-0) $f := \eta \upharpoonright_Q: Q \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is a morphism, hence it is an isomorphism to its image and has an inverse $f': \text{Im}(f) \to Q$. By Lemma [2.28,](#page-10-0) f' can be extended to $\eta' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Then $\eta' \overline{q}' = \overline{q}$. This implies that $\overline{q} \leq^c \overline{q}'$.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (3)$ Consider any $\eta' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Then, $\eta' \overline{q} \leq^c \overline{q}$ and $\eta' \overline{q} = \eta' \eta \overline{p}$. By (1), $\overline{q} \leq^c \eta' \overline{q}$, so there is $\eta'' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ such that $\eta'' \eta' \overline{q} = \overline{q}$, that is $\eta'' \eta' \eta \overline{p} = \eta \overline{p}$. Since \bar{p} is an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, we get $\eta''\eta'\eta = \eta$ as elements of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Hence, $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\eta$ is a minimal left ideal.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$. Consider any $\overline{q}' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\overline{p}$ such that $\overline{q}' \leq^c \overline{q}$. Then,

$$
\overline{q}'=\eta'\overline{q}=\eta'\eta\overline{p}
$$

for some $\eta' \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Since $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))\eta$ is a minimal left ideal, there is $\eta'' \in$ $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ such that $\eta''\eta'\eta = \eta$. Thus, $\eta''\overline{q}' = \eta''\eta'\eta\overline{p} = \eta\overline{p} = \overline{q}$. Therefore, $\overline{q} \leq^c \overline{q}'$.

Corollary 2.35. There exists an ip-minimal $Q \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with a morphism

$$
g: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to Q.
$$

Proof. Let \bar{p} be an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, $\mathcal{M} \leq E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ a minimal left ideal and $\eta \in \mathcal{M}$. Then, $Q := \eta[S_X(\mathfrak{C})]$ and $g := \eta$ satisfy the requirements by Proposition 2.34. [2.34.](#page-11-1) \Box

The next remark follows from the fact that for any element η in a minimal left ideal $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ we can find an idempotent $u \in \mathcal{M}$ with $\eta \in u\mathcal{M}$, and then $\text{Im}(u) = \text{Im}(\eta)$ (note that all elements in $u\mathcal{M}$ have the same image).

Remark 2.36. If the conditions of Proposition [2.34](#page-11-1) hold, then the ip-minimal set Q of Proposition [2.34](#page-11-1)(2) satisfies $Q \cong \overline{J}$.

Lemma 2.37. A subset $Q \subseteq S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is ip-minimal if and only if every finite $Q_0 \subseteq Q$ is ip-minimal. In particular, the union of a chain of ip-minimal subsets of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is ip-minimal.

Proof. It follows by homogeneity of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ obtained in Lemma [2.28.](#page-10-0)

By the previous lemma and Zorn's lemma, there exists some ip-minimal $I_{\mathfrak{C}} \subseteq$ $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ maximal with respect to inclusion.

Lemma 2.38. Let $f : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to K$ be a morphism, where K is an ip-minimal set. Then f is surjective and is therefore an isomorphism.

Proof. Let $I' := f[I_{\mathfrak{C}}] \subseteq K$. By ip-minimality of $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$, the map $f : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to I'$ is an isomorphism (in the infinitary definability patterns language). Let $g: I' \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ be the inverse of f. By Lemma [2.28,](#page-10-0) there exists $\overline{g} \in \text{End}(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ extending g. Let $K' := \overline{g}[K]$. Since K is ip-minimal, $\overline{g}|_K: K \to K'$ is an isomorphism and K' is also ip-minimal. So $K' = I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ by maximality of $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$. Therefore, by injectivity of $\overline{g}|_K$, $I' = K$. Thus, $f : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to K$ is onto.

Corollary 2.39. There is a unique (up to isomorphism) ip-minimal subset $K \subseteq$ $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with a morphism $S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to K$. It is the ip-minimal set $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ described above. Moreover, there is a retraction $S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$.

Proof. Let $g: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to K$ be a morphism and K an ip-minimal subset (which exists by Corollary [2.35\)](#page-12-0). By Lemma [2.38,](#page-12-1) the map $g|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}}}: I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to K$ is an isomorphism, which proves uniqueness.

For the moreover part, take a morphism $g: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ (which exists by the first part). Then $g|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}}}: I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ is an isomorphism, and so $f := (g|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}}})^{-1} \circ g$ is a retraction from $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ to $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$.

By Lemma [2.28,](#page-10-0) Corollary [2.39,](#page-13-1) and Remark [2.36,](#page-12-2) we can assume that $I_{\mathfrak{C}} = \overline{\mathcal{J}}$.

Lemma 2.40. Let $\mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$. Then the restriction

 $r: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$

is a morphism of infinitary definability patterns structures and has a section

 $s: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$

which is a morphism of infinitary definability patterns structures.

Proof. The fact that r is a morphism is trivial. To construct s, let $\bar{p} = (p_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ be an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ and $(a_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ be a realization of \bar{p} (i.e., $a_i \models p_i$ for $i < \mu$). Let $p := \text{tp}((a_i)_{i < \mu} / \mathfrak{C})$ and let a type $p' := \text{tp}((a'_i)_{i < \mu} / \mathfrak{C}')$ be a strong heir extension of p (it exists by Fact [2.26\)](#page-10-2). Then, for any $n < \omega$ and $i_1, \ldots i_n < \mu$ we have $c(p_{i_1}, \ldots, p_{i_n}) = c(p'_{i_1}, \ldots, p'_{i_n})$, where $p'_{i} = \text{tp}(a'_{i}/\mathfrak{C}')$. Hence, the map s: $S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ given by $s(p_i) := \text{tp}(a'_i/\mathfrak{C}')$ is a morphism between the infinitary definability patterns structures, and it is clearly a section of r .

Theorem 2.41. Up to isomorphism in the infinitary definability patterns language, $\overline{\mathcal{J}}$ does not depend on the choice of the \aleph_0 -saturated, strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous model C for which it is computed.

Proof. It is enough to show that for \aleph_0 -saturated, strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous models $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$, $I_{\mathfrak{C}} \cong I_{\mathfrak{C}'}$, where $I_{\mathfrak{C}'}$ is defined for \mathfrak{C}' the same way as $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ was defined for \mathfrak{C} . We have the following maps:

- The restriction morphism $r : S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C});$
- A morphism $s: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ which is a section of r, given by Lemma [2.40;](#page-13-2)
- A retraction $f_{\mathfrak{C}} : S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ given by Corollary [2.39;](#page-13-1)
- A retraction $f_{\mathfrak{C}'} : S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to I_{\mathfrak{C}'}$ given by Corollary [2.39.](#page-13-1)

Then, the maps $h_1 := f_{\mathfrak{C}} \circ (r|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}'}}) : I_{\mathfrak{C}'} \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ and $h_2 := f_{\mathfrak{C}'} \circ (s|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}}}) : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to I_{\mathfrak{C}'}$ are morphisms. Hence, the maps $h_2 \circ h_1 : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ and $h_1 \circ h_2 : I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ are isomor-phisms by Lemma [2.38.](#page-12-1) The first thing implies that h_1 is an isomorphism onto its image and the second one that $\text{Im}(h_1) = I_{\mathfrak{C}}$. Therefore, h_1 is an isomorphism. \Box

One can show that $\overline{\mathcal{J}}$ is precisely Hrushovski's infinitary core (but localized to X) considered in [\[Hru22,](#page-31-13) Appendix A]; however, we will not use that approach in this paper.

The next corollary was originally proved in [\[KNS19\]](#page-31-6) by a much longer argument (also based on contents).

Corollary 2.42. The Ellis group (considered as a semitopological group with the τ -topology) of the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ does not depend on the choice of \mathfrak{C} as long as \mathfrak{C} is \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous.

Proof. It follows from Propositions [2.29,](#page-10-1) [2.32,](#page-11-2) the definition of ipp-topology, and Theorem [2.41.](#page-13-0) \Box

By the above corollary applied for $X := \mathfrak{C}^{\omega}$ (or, in the multisorted situation, for X being the product of all sorts such that each sort is repeated \aleph_0 -times), the Ellis group of the flow $S_x(\mathfrak{C})$ does not depend on the choice of \mathfrak{C} and is called the *Ellis* group of the theory T.

3. Ellis groups of compatible quotients are isomorphic

We introduce a natural condition (which we call compatibility) on closed, invariant equivalence relations F on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ and F' on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, guaranteeing that the Ellis groups of the quotient flows $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F)$ and $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F)$ are isomorphic as long as $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$ are \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous. Hence, in this section, we will assume that $\mathfrak{C} \prec \mathfrak{C}'$ satisfy only those saturation assumptions. As usual, X is a \emptyset -type-definable set.

Definition 3.1. Let F' be a closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$ -invariant equivalence relation defined on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, and F a closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation defined on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. We say that F' and F are compatible if $r[F'] = F$ (i.e., $\{(r(a), r(b)) : (a, b) \in F'\} =$ F), where $r: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the restriction map.

Theorem 3.2. If F' and F are compatible equivalence relations respectively on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, then the Ellis group of the flow $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F')$ is topologically isomorphic to the Ellis group of the flow $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F)$.

Proof. Let $(p_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ be an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ and $(a_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ be a sequence of realizations. Consider the type $\mathfrak{p} := \text{tp}((a_i)_{i \leq \mu}/\mathfrak{C})$, and let $\mathfrak{p}' := \text{tp}((a'_i)_{i \leq \mu}/\mathfrak{C}')$ be a strong heir extension of **p**. For each $i < \mu$ we denote $\text{tp}(a'_i/\mathfrak{C}')$ by p'_i .

Let $s: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ be the function given by $s(p_i) := p'_i$. The function s is a section of the restriction map r, and since p' is a strong heir extension of p, s is an isomorphism to its image in the infinitary definability patterns language.

Choose and idempotent $u \in \mathcal{M}$, where $\mathcal M$ is a minimal left ideal of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$. Then $I_{\mathfrak{C}} := \text{Im}(u)$ is ip-minimal by Proposition [2.34.](#page-11-1) By Proposition [2.29,](#page-10-1) there is an isomorphism δ from uM to Aut $(I_{\mathfrak{C}})$. By the previous paragraph, $s|_{I_{\mathfrak{C}}}: I_{\mathfrak{C}} \to$ $s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ is an isomorphism. On the other hand, by Corollary [2.39,](#page-13-1) let $I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ be the unique up to isomorphism ip-minimal subset of $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ for which there is a morphism from $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ to $I_{\mathfrak{C}'}$. By Theorem [2.41,](#page-13-0) we have $I_{\mathfrak{C}'} \cong I_{\mathfrak{C}}$, and therefore $I_{\mathfrak{C}'} \cong s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ (in particular, $s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ is ip-minimal in $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$). Thus, by Lemma [2.38,](#page-12-1) the morphism $\eta := s \circ u \circ r : S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ is surjective, and, by Lemma [2.28,](#page-10-0) $\eta \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}')).$ Using Proposition [2.34,](#page-11-1) we conclude that η is in some minimal left ideal \mathcal{M}' of $E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))$. Finally, taking an idempotent $u' \in \eta \mathcal{M}'$, we get $\text{Im}(u') = \text{Im}(\eta) =$ $s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}].$

The quotient map $\pi: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F'$ induces the following commutative diagram of functions:

$$
\tilde{\pi}: u'\mathcal{M}' \longrightarrow \tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}') \n\cong \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \cong \n\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}: \text{Aut}(s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]) \longrightarrow \tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}')\upharpoonright_{\pi[s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]]} \subseteq \text{Sym}(\pi[s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]])
$$
\n(1)

where:

- Aut($s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$) is the group of automorphisms in the infinitary definability patterns language.
- The map $\tilde{\pi}$ is given by Fact [2.7.](#page-6-2)
- The isomorphism on the left is given by Proposition [2.29](#page-10-1) and the fact that $s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}] = \text{Im}(u').$
- The isomorphism on the right is given by Fact [2.8.](#page-6-1)
- The map $\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}$: Aut $(s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]) \to \text{Sym}(\pi[s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]])$ is given by $\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}(\sigma)(\pi(x)) := \pi(\sigma(x))$ (which is the composition of the inverse of the left side isomorphism, the map $\tilde{\pi}$ and the right side isomorphism).

Similarly, the quotient map $\rho: S_X(\mathfrak{C}) \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F$ induces the following commutative diagram of functions:

$$
\tilde{\rho}: uM \longrightarrow \tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})
$$
\n
$$
\cong \Bigg|_{\tilde{\rho}: \text{Aut}(I_{\mathfrak{C}}) \longrightarrow \tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})\upharpoonright_{\rho[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]} \subseteq \text{Sym}(\rho[I_{\mathfrak{C}}])}
$$
\n(2)

where:

- Aut $(I_{\mathfrak{C}})$ is the group of automorphisms in the infinitary definability patterns language.
- The map $\tilde{\rho}$ is given by Fact [2.7.](#page-6-2)
- The isomorphism on the left is given by Proposition [2.29.](#page-10-1)
- The isomorphism on the right is given by Fact [2.8.](#page-6-1)
- The map $\tilde{\rho}$: Aut $(I_{\mathfrak{C}}) \to \text{Sym}(\rho[I_{\mathfrak{C}}])$ is given by $\tilde{\rho}(\sigma)(\rho(x)) := \rho(\sigma(x))$ (which is the composition of the inverse of the left side isomorphism, the map $\tilde{\rho}$ and the right side isomorphism).

Since the map $r: s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}] \to I_{\mathfrak{C}}$ is an isomorphism in the infinitary definability patterns language, it induces an isomorphism

$$
\overline{r}
$$
: Aut $(s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]) \rightarrow$ Aut $(I_{\mathfrak{C}})$

given by $\bar{r}(\sigma)(r(p)) := r(\sigma(p))$. Our goal is then to prove that there exists an isomorphism f such that the diagram below commutes:

$$
\operatorname{Aut}(s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}} \tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}')[\tau_{[s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]]}]
$$
\n
$$
\cong \begin{vmatrix} \overline{r} & \overline{r} \\ \overline{r} & \overline{r} \\ \overline{r} & \overline{r} \end{vmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\operatorname{Aut}(I_{\mathfrak{C}}) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\rho}} \tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})[\tau_{[s]}]
$$

We first prove that a function f such that the above diagram commutes exists. It is enough to show that ker($\tilde{\pi}$) ⊆ ker($\tilde{\tilde{\sigma}} \circ \bar{r}$). Note that $\sigma \in \text{ker}(\tilde{\tilde{\pi}})$ if and only

if for every $p \in s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ we have that $\sigma(p)F'p$. Take an arbitrary $\sigma \in \text{ker}(\tilde{\tilde{\pi}})$. By compatibility of F' and F, $\sigma(p)F'p$ implies $r(\sigma(p))Fr(p)$. Hence, for every $p \in s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ we have $\overline{r}(\sigma)(r(p))F r(p)$. Therefore, $\overline{r}(\sigma)$ is in ker($\tilde{\rho}$) and σ is in ker($\tilde{\rho} \circ \overline{r}$).

To see that f is an isomorphism, it is enough to show that ker($\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}$) \supseteq ker($\tilde{\tilde{\rho}} \circ \overline{r}$). So take an arbitrary $\sigma \in \text{ker}(\tilde{\rho} \circ \overline{r})$. Then, for every $p \in s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]$ we have that $r(\sigma(p)) Fr(p)$.

Claim. $r(\sigma(p)) Fr(p)$ implies $\sigma(p) F' p$.

Proof of claim. By compatibility of F' and F, there are $s_1, s_2 \in S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ such that $r(s_1) = r(\sigma(p)), r(s_2) = r(p)$ and $s_1 F's_2$. At the same time, since $p, \sigma(p) \in s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}],$ there are $i, j < \mu$ such that:

$$
\sigma(p) = p'_i \text{ and } p = p'_j;
$$

$$
r(\sigma(p)) = p_i \text{ and } r(p) = p_j.
$$

Hence, $c(s_1, s_2) \supseteq c(r(s_1), r(s_2)) = c(r(\sigma(p)), r(p)) = c(p_i, p_j) = c(p'_i, p'_j) = c(\sigma(p), p)$ (where the penultimate equality follows from the fact that p' is a strong heir extension of \mathfrak{p}). Thus, by Fact [2.10,](#page-7-3) there is $\eta \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))$ such that

$$
\eta(s_1, s_2) = (\sigma(p), p).
$$

Therefore, since F' is $Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$ -invariant and closed, we conclude that $\sigma(p)F'p$. \Box

By the claim and the above description of ker($\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}$), we get that $\sigma \in \text{ker}(\tilde{\tilde{\pi}})$.

Moreover, f is a homeomorphism, where $\tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}')\upharpoonright_{\pi[s[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]]}$ is equipped with the topology induced from the τ -topology on $\tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}')$ via the right vertical isomorphism in diagram [\(1\),](#page-14-1) and $\tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})\upharpoonright_{\rho[I_{\mathfrak{C}}]}$ with the topology induced from the τ -topology on $\tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})$ via the right vertical isomorphism in diagram [\(2\).](#page-14-1) To see this, it is enough to show that:

- $\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}$ and $\tilde{\tilde{\rho}}$ are topological quotient maps,
- \bar{r} is a topological isomorphism.

The fact that $\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}$ and $\tilde{\rho}$ are topological quotient maps follows from the fact that in their corresponding diagrams [\(1\)](#page-14-1) and [\(2\),](#page-14-1) the upper horizontal maps are topological quotient maps by Fact [2.7](#page-6-2) and the left vertical maps are topological isomorphisms by Proposition [2.32.](#page-11-2) The fact that \bar{r} is a homeomorphism follows trivially by the definition of the ipp-topology and the fact that \bar{r} is induced by an isomorphism of infinitary definability patterns structures.

We have proved that f is topological isomorphism of groups. Since the right vertical maps in diagrams [\(1\)](#page-14-1) and [\(2\)](#page-14-1) are also topological isomorphisms of groups, we conclude that the Ellis groups $\tilde{\pi}(u')\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{M}')$ and $\tilde{\rho}(u)\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})$ are topologically isomorphic, as required.

4. Applications to WAP, tame, stable, and NIP context

In this section, we use Theorem [3.2](#page-14-1) to obtain absoluteness of Ellis groups of several canonical quotients of type-spaces. These are the main results of this paper.

As in the last section, $\mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$, X is a Ø-type definable set, and $r: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is the restriction map.

Let $\rho(x, y)$ be a partial type over \emptyset (closed under conjunction) which defines an equivalence relation $E(M)$ on $X(M)$ in a sufficiently saturated (equivalently, in every) model M of T.

Recall from Section [2.1](#page-3-1) that \tilde{E} is the equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ given by

$$
p\tilde{E}q \iff (\exists a \models p, b \models q)(\rho(a, b)),
$$

and \tilde{E}' is the equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ given by

$$
p'\tilde{E}'q' \iff (\exists a' \models p', b' \models q')(\rho(a', b')).
$$

Proposition [4.1](#page-17-0) and Corollary [4.2](#page-0-0) below hold without any saturation assumptions on $\mathfrak C$ and $\mathfrak C'.$

Proposition 4.1. The equivalence relations \tilde{E}' and \tilde{E} are compatible.

Proof. The goal is to prove that $r[\tilde{E}'] = \tilde{E}$.

(⊆) Consider any $p', q' \in S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ with $p'E'q'$. Then there are $a' \models p'$ and $b' \models q'$ such that $\rho(a', b')$. Hence, $a' \models r(p')$ and $b' \models r(b')$, and we get $r(p')\tilde{E}r(q')$.

 (\supseteq) Consider any $p, q \in S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with $p \to q$. The goal is to find some extensions $p', q' \in S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ of p and q respectively, satisfying $p' \tilde{E}' q'$.

Take $a \models p$ and $b \models q$ such that $\rho(a, b)$. Let $tp(a'b'/\mathfrak{C}')$ be an heir extension of $\text{tp}(ab/\mathfrak{C})$. We claim that $p' := \text{tp}(a'/\mathfrak{C}')$ and $q' := \text{tp}(b'/\mathfrak{C})$ do the job. If not, then, by compactness, there are formulas $\varphi(x, y) \in \rho(x, y)$, $\psi_1(x, c') \in p'$, and $\psi_2(x, c') \in$ q' for which there are no a'' and b'' such that $\psi_1(a'',c') \wedge \psi_2(b'',c') \wedge \varphi(a'',b'')$ (here $\psi_i(x, x')$ is a formula without parameters and c' is a tuple from \mathfrak{C}'). Then

$$
\psi_1(x,c')\wedge\psi_2(y,c')\wedge\neg(\exists z)(\exists t)(\psi_1(z,c')\wedge\psi_2(t,c')\wedge\varphi(z,t))\in\operatorname{tp}(a'b'/\mathfrak{C}').
$$

Since $\text{tp}(a'b'/\mathfrak{C}')$ is an heir extension of $\text{tp}(ab/\mathfrak{C})$, there is $c \in \mathfrak{C}$ such that

$$
\psi_1(x, c) \land \psi_2(y, c) \land \neg (\exists z)(\exists t)(\psi_1(z, c) \land \psi_2(t, c) \land \varphi(z, t)) \in \text{tp}(ab/\mathfrak{C}).
$$

Taking $z := a$ and $t := b$, we get a contradiction with the fact that $\rho(a, b)$.

Consider the relations $\tilde{E'}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ $_{\emptyset}^{\rm st},\,\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\rm st},\,\tilde{E'}_{\emptyset}^{\rm NIP}$ $\tilde{\ell}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$, and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ defined after Proposition [2.3.](#page-5-0)

Corollary 4.2. (1) The equivalence relations $E^{S}^{st}_{\emptyset}$ and E^{st}_{\emptyset} are compatible. (2) The equivalence relations $\tilde{E'}_0^{NIP}$ and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{NIP}$ are compatible.

Proof. Both items follow immediately from Proposition [4.1.](#page-17-0) \Box

From Corollary [4.2](#page-0-0) and Theorem [3.2,](#page-14-1) we get the following corollary (note the saturation assumption).

- **Corollary 4.3.** (1) The Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{st}$ (treated as a semitopological group with the τ -topology) does not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as $\mathfrak C$ is at least \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous.
	- (2) The Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{NIP}$ (treated as a semitopological group with the τ -topology) does not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as $\mathfrak C$ is at least \aleph_0 -saturated and strongly \aleph_0 -homogeneous.

Next, we will show that the same is true for the equivalence relations F'_{WAP} and FWAP described at the very end of Section [2.2.](#page-5-1) However, this time we will need \mathfrak{C} and \mathfrak{C}' to be at least $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous (where lambda is such that $X \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$). In particular, if λ is finite, then \aleph_1 -saturation and strong \aleph_1 -homogeneity is enough.

Remark 4.4. For the proof of the next theorem, without loss of generality we will assume that $\mathfrak C$ is $\mathfrak C'$ -small in the sense that the degree of saturation of $\mathfrak C'$ is bigger than $|\mathfrak{C}|$. This is because if the theorem holds under this assumption, we can take a monster model $\mathfrak{C}'' \succ \mathfrak{C}'$ in which both \mathfrak{C} and \mathfrak{C}' are small, and apply the result to the pairs $\mathfrak{C}'' \succ \mathfrak{C}'$ and $\mathfrak{C}'' \succ \mathfrak{C}$. Namely, for $r_1 \colon S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, $r_2 \colon S_X(\mathfrak{C}'') \to$ $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, and $r_3: S_X(\mathfrak{C}'') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ being the restriction maps, the theorem yields $r_2[F''_{WAP}] = F'_{WAP}$ and $r_3[F''_{WAP}] = F_{WAP}$. As $r_1[r_2[F''_{WAP}]] = r_3[F''_{WAP}]$, we conclude that $r_1[F'_{WAP}] = F_{WAP}$.

Theorem 4.5. The equivalence relations F'_{WAP} and F_{WAP} are compatible as long as \mathfrak{C} and \mathfrak{C}' are at least $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous.

Proof. We first prove that $F_{\text{WAP}} \subseteq r[F_{\text{WAP}}']$. It suffices to show that $r[F_{\text{WAP}}']$ is a closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with WAP quotient.

- Closedness is clear by continuity of r and compactness of type spaces.
- Equivalence relation: Take $a = r(\alpha)$, $b = r(\beta) = r(\beta')$ and $c = r(\gamma)$ where $\alpha F_{\text{WAP}}' \beta$ and $\beta' F_{\text{WAP}}' \gamma$. Let $(p_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ be an enumeration of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ and $(a_i)_{i\leq \mu}$ be a sequence of realizations. Consider the type $\mathfrak{p} := \text{tp}((a_i)_{i\leq \mu}/\mathfrak{C}),$ and let $\mathfrak{p}' := \text{tp}((a'_i)_{i \leq \mu} / \mathfrak{C}')$ be a strong heir extension of \mathfrak{p} . For each $i < \mu$ we denote $tp(a'_i/\mathfrak{C}')$ by p'_i . Obviously, $a = p_{i_1}, b = p_{i_2}$, and $c = p_{i_3}$ for some $i_1, i_2, i_3 < \mu$.

Claim. $p'_{i_1}F'_{WAP}p'_{i_2}F'_{WAP}p'_{i_3}$.

Proof of claim. Clearly, $r(p'_i) = p_i$ for all $i < \mu$. Since p' is a strong heir extension of p, we have

$$
c(p'_{i_1}, p'_{i_2}) = c(p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}) = c(r(\alpha), r(\beta)) \subseteq c(\alpha, \beta),
$$

$$
c(p'_{i_2}, p'_{i_3}) = c(p_{i_2}, p_{i_3}) = c(r(\beta'), r(\gamma)) \subseteq c(\beta', \gamma).
$$

Thus, by Fact [2.10,](#page-7-3)

$$
\exists \eta_1 \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))[\eta_1(\alpha, \beta) = (p'_{i_1}, p'_{i_2})],
$$

$$
\exists \eta_2 \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))[\eta_2(\beta', \gamma) = (p'_{i_2}, p'_{i_3})].
$$

Since the relation F'_{WAP} is $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')$ -invariant and closed, $\alpha F'_{\text{WAP}}\beta$, and $\beta' F'_{\text{WAP}} \gamma$, we conclude that $p'_{i_1} F'_{\text{WAP}} p'_{i_2} F'_{\text{WAP}} p'_{i_3}$.

By the claim, $p'_{i_1} F'_{\text{WAP}} p'_{i_3}$, so $a = r(p'_{i_1}) r[F'_{\text{WAP}}] r(p'_{i_3}) = c$.

• Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant: Take an arbitrary $\sigma \in$ Aut (\mathfrak{C}) and extend it to $\sigma' \in$ Aut(\mathfrak{C}'). Consider any $a, b \in S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ such that $ar[F'_{WAP}]b$ and let $\alpha, \beta \in$ $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ be such that $r(\alpha) = a, r(\beta) = b$, and $\alpha F'_{\text{WAP}}\beta$. Then,

$$
\sigma(a) = \sigma(r(\alpha)) = r(\sigma'(\alpha))r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]r(\sigma'(\beta)) = \sigma(r(\beta)) = \sigma(b).
$$

• $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]$ is WAP: Assume for a contradiction that there is a function $f \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}])$ which is not WAP. That is, by Fact [2.13,](#page-7-0) there is a net $(\sigma_i)_{i\in\mathcal{I}}\subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the functions $\sigma_i f$ converge pointwise to some function $g \notin C(S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}])$. Note that $r^{-1}[r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]] \supseteq F'_{\text{WAP}}$ is a closed Aut $(\mathfrak{C}'/\{\mathfrak{C}\})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, and r induces a homeomorphism

$$
\tilde{r}: S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/r^{-1}[r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]] \to S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]
$$

satisfying

$$
\tilde{r}\left(\sigma'\left(p/r^{-1}[r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]]\right)\right) = \sigma' \upharpoonright_{\mathfrak{C}} \left(r(p)/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]\right)
$$

for all $\sigma' \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'/\{\mathfrak{C}\})$.

For every $i \in \mathcal{I}$ choose an extension $\sigma'_i \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'/\{\mathfrak{C}\})$ of σ_i . The above homeomorphism \tilde{r} together with f induce a function $f' \in C(S(\mathfrak{C}')/r^{-1}[r[F']_{\text{WAP}}]])$ given by

$$
f'\left(p/r^{-1}[r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]]\right) := f\left(r(p)/r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]\right).
$$

By construction, the net $(\sigma'_i f')_{i \in I}$ converges pointwise to a function

 $g' \notin C(S(\mathfrak{C}')/r^{-1}[r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]]).$

Hence, the flow

$$
\Big(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'/\{\mathfrak{C}\}),S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/_{r^{-1}[r[F'_{\mathrm{WAP}}]]}\Big)
$$

is not WAP, which implies that $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F'_{\text{WAP}})$ is not WAP (because WAP is preserved under decreasing the acting group and under taking quotients of flows, which follows by Remark [2.23\)](#page-9-2), a contradiction.

Now, we prove $F_{\text{WAP}} \supseteq r[F'_{\text{WAP}}]$. This is equivalent to $r^{-1}[F_{\text{WAP}}] \supseteq F'_{\text{WAP}}$. Note that $r^{-1}[F_{\text{WAP}}]$ is a closed equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ but it might not be $Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$ -invariant. To solve it, we consider the equivalence relation

$$
F := \bigcap_{\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')} \sigma(r^{-1}[F_{\text{WAP}}]).
$$

Then, it is enough to show that $F \supseteq F'_{\text{WAP}}$, which is equivalent to the flow

$$
(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F)
$$

being WAP.

Assume for a contradiction that there is $f \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F)$ which is not WAP. Let $\overline{f}: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to \mathbb{R}$ be given by $\overline{f} = f \circ \pi_F$, where $\pi_F: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F$ is the quotient map. Then, $\overline{f} \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))$ and it is not a WAP function by Remark [2.23.](#page-9-2) By Fact [2.13,](#page-7-0) there are $(\sigma_n)_{n<\omega} \subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')$ and $(c'_m)_{m<\omega} \subset X(\mathfrak{C}')$ such that

(1)
$$
\lim_{n} \lim_{m} (\sigma_n \overline{f}) (\text{tp}(c'_m / \mathfrak{C}')) \neq \lim_{m} \lim_{n} (\sigma_n \overline{f}) (\text{tp}(c'_m / \mathfrak{C}'))
$$

where both limits exist. Note that here we are using that the types over \mathfrak{C}' of the elements of $X(\mathfrak{C}')$ form a dense subset of $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$, which uses that X lives on \mathfrak{C}' -small tuples.

Consider the set $N := \{c'_m : m < \omega\} \cup \{\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_m) : m, n < \omega\}$. By $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ saturation of \mathfrak{C} , we may assume that $N \subset \mathfrak{C}$ (just find $\sigma \in Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$ such that $\sigma[N] \subset \mathfrak{C}$ and replace N by $\sigma[N]$, c'_{m} by $\sigma(c'_{m})$, and σ_{n} by $\sigma \circ \sigma_{n}$). Note that it might happen that none of the restrictions $\sigma_n\vert_{\mathfrak{C}}$ is an automorphism of \mathfrak{C} . However, for every $n < \omega$, by strong $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneity of \mathfrak{C} (and strong $|\mathfrak{C}|^+$ -homogeneity of \mathfrak{C}' , we can replace σ_n by $\sigma'_n \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')$ so that σ'_n^{-1} extends $\sigma_n^{-1} \upharpoonright_{\{c'_m : m < \omega\}}$ and the restriction of σ'_n to $\mathfrak C$ is in Aut $(\mathfrak C)$, so we may assume that, for every $n < \omega$, the restriction $\sigma_n\upharpoonright_{\mathfrak{C}}=:\tau_n$ is an element of Aut (\mathfrak{C}) .

Let $\mathcal{H} := \{p \in S_X(\mathfrak{C}) : p \text{ is invariant over } N\}$; we enumerate \mathcal{H} as $(p_i)_{i \leq \mu}$ and choose $a_i \models p_i$ for every $i < \mu$. Consider the type $\mathfrak{p} := \text{tp}((a_i)_{i < \mu} / \mathfrak{C})$ and let $\mathfrak{p}' := \text{tp}((a'_i)_{i \leq \mu} / \mathfrak{C}')$ be a strong heir extension of \mathfrak{p} in the language \mathcal{L}_N (i.e., \mathcal{L}

expanded by constants from N). (p' exists by \aleph_0 -saturation of $\mathfrak C$ in the language \mathcal{L}_N which follows from $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturation of $\mathfrak C$ in the language \mathcal{L} .) We denote $\text{tp}(a'_i/\mathfrak{C}')$ by p'_i for each $i < \mu$. Since $\text{tp}(a_i/\mathfrak{C})$ is N-invariant, p'_i is the unique N-invariant extension of p_i to \mathfrak{C}' . Hence, the set $\mathcal{H}' := \{p'_i\}_{i \leq \mu}$ is precisely the set of all types in $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ invariant over N, so it is closed in $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$.

Now, we define $h: \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{R}$ by $h(p_i) := \overline{f}(p'_i)$. The function h belongs to $C(\mathcal{H})$ since for each closed interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ we have that $h^{-1}[I] = r[\overline{f}^{-1}[I] \cap \mathcal{H}']$ is a closed subset of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. Note that for each $c' \in N$ and $i < \mu$ such that $p_i = \text{tp}(c'/\mathfrak{C})$ we have $p_i' = \text{tp}(c'/\mathfrak{C}')$, and so

(2)
$$
(\sigma_n \overline{f})(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C}')) = \overline{f}(\text{tp}(\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_m)/\mathfrak{C}')) =
$$

$$
= h(\text{tp}(\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_m)/\mathfrak{C})) = (\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C})).
$$

Using (1) and (2) , we have

(3)
$$
\lim_{n} \lim_{m} (\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C})) \neq \lim_{m} \lim_{n} (\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C}))
$$

where both limits exist.

Claim. For $p_i, p_j \in \mathcal{H}$, if $p_i F_{WAP} p_j$, then $h(p_i) = h(p_j)$.

Proof of claim. We show that $p'_i F p'_j$. Choose an arbitrary $\sigma \in Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$. We have that

$$
c(p_i, p_j) = c(p'_i, p'_j) = c(\sigma(p'_i), \sigma(p'_j)) \supseteq c(r(\sigma(p'_i)), r(\sigma(p'_j))).
$$

Hence, there is $\eta \in E(S_X(\mathfrak{C}))$ such that $\eta(p_i, p_j) = (r(\sigma(p'_i)), r(\sigma(p'_j))),$ which implies that $r(\sigma(p_i'))F_{\text{WAP}}r(\sigma(p_j'))$ (because F_{WAP} is $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant and closed). We then have $\sigma(p'_i)r^{-1}[F_{\text{WAP}}]\sigma(p'_j)$, and since σ was arbitrary, we conclude that $p'_i F p'_j$. Therefore, since $\overline{f} = f \circ \pi_F$, we obtain that $\overline{f}(p'_i) = \overline{f}(p'_j)$, so $h(p_i) =$ $h(p_j)$.

Clearly, $\mathcal{H}/F_{\text{WAP}}$ is a closed subset of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}}$ and, by the claim, $h = g \circ \rho$ for some $g \in C(\mathcal{H}/F_{\text{WAP}})$ where $\rho : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}/F_{\text{WAP}}$ the quotient map. Tietze's extension theorem yields a function $\overline{g} \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ extending g. By construction (in particular, using [\(3\)](#page-20-1)), we get

(4)
$$
\lim_{n} \lim_{m} (\tau_n \overline{g}) \left(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C}) / F_{\text{WAP}} \right) \neq \lim_{m} \lim_{n} (\tau_n \overline{g}) \left(\text{tp}(c'_m/\mathfrak{C}) / F_{\text{WAP}} \right)
$$

where both limits exist, which by Fact [2.13](#page-7-0) implies that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{WAP}})$ is not WAP, a contradiction.

From the previous theorem and Theorem [3.2,](#page-14-1) the following corollary follows immediately.

Corollary 4.6. The Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{WAP}$ (treated as a semitopological group with the τ -topology) does not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as $\mathfrak C$ is at least $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous.

Similarly, and under the same saturation assumptions, for the equivalence relations F'_{Tame} and F_{Tame} we have the following:

Theorem 4.7. The equivalence relations F'_{Tame} and F_{Tame} are compatible as long as \mathfrak{C} and \mathfrak{C}' are at least $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous.

Proof. By an obvious analog of Remark [4.4,](#page-18-0) without loos of generality we can assume that ${\mathfrak C}$ is ${\mathfrak C}'\text{-small.}$

We first prove that $F_{\text{Tame}} \subseteq r[F_{\text{Tame}}']$. It suffices to show that $r[F_{\text{Tame}}']$ is a closed, Aut(\mathfrak{C})-invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ with tame quotient. The fact that $r[F'_{\text{Tame}}]$ is a closed, $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ follows by the same arguments as in the WAP context (see the proof Theorem [4.5\)](#page-18-1).

To show that $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[F'_{\text{Tame}}]$ is tame, suppose for a contradiction that there is a function $f \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C})/r[\overline{F_{\text{Tame}}'})$ which is not tame. That is, there is a sequence $(\sigma_i)_{i\leq\omega}\subset \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that $(\sigma_i f)_{i\leq\omega}$ is an independent sequence. Then we apply the corresponding part of the proof of Theorem [4.5,](#page-18-1) replacing "WAP" by "tame" and noticing that by construction the sequence $(\sigma_i' f')_{i < \omega}$ is independent, which leads to a contradiction.

Now, we prove $F_{\text{Tame}} \supseteq r[F_{\text{Tame}}']$. This is equivalent to $r^{-1}[F_{\text{Tame}}] \supseteq F_{\text{Tame}}'$. We define a closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C}')$ -invariant equivalence relation

$$
F := \bigcap_{\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')} \sigma(r^{-1}[F_{\text{Tame}}]).
$$

Then, it is enough to show that $F \supseteq F'_{\text{Tame}}$, which is equivalent to the flow

$$
(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}'), S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F)
$$

being tame.

Assume for a contradiction that there is $f \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C}')/F)$ which is not tame. Let $\overline{f}: S_X(\mathfrak{C}') \to \mathbb{R}$ be given by $\overline{f} = f \circ \pi_F$. Then, $\overline{f} \in C(S_X(\mathfrak{C}'))$ and it is not a tame function by Remark [2.23.](#page-9-2) That is, there exist $r < s \in \mathbb{R}$, $(\sigma_n)_{n<\omega} \subset \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}')$ and ${c'_{P,M}: P, M \subset_{fin} \omega \text{ disjoint}} \subset X(\mathfrak{C}')$ such that for any finite disjoint $P, M \subset \omega$

$$
(5) \qquad (\sigma_n \overline{f})(\operatorname{tp}(c'_{P,M}/{\mathfrak C}')) < r \text{ if } n \in P \ \text{ and } \ (\sigma_n \overline{f})(\operatorname{tp}(c'_{P,M}/{\mathfrak C}')) > s \text{ if } n \in M.
$$

The fact that we can choose $c'_{P,M} \in X(\mathfrak{C}')$ follows from the fact that the types over \mathfrak{C}' of elements of $X(\mathfrak{C}')$ form a dense subset of $S_X(\mathfrak{C}')$ and the second part of Defnition [2.16.](#page-8-1)

Consider the set

$$
N := \{c'_{P,M} : P, M \subset_{\text{fin}} \omega \text{ disjoint}\} \cup \{\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_{P,M}) : i < \omega, P, M \subset_{\text{fin}} \omega \text{ disjoint}\}.
$$

As in the proof of Theorem [4.5,](#page-18-1) using $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -saturation and strong $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ homogeneity of $\mathfrak C$ (together with strong $|\mathfrak C|^+$ -homogeneity of $\mathfrak C'$), we may assume that $N \subset \mathfrak{C}$ and, for every $n < \omega$, $\tau_n := \sigma_n \vert_{\mathfrak{C}}$ is an element of Aut (\mathfrak{C}) .

Then we apply the corresponding part of the proof of Theorem [4.5,](#page-18-1) where the formulas (2) , (3) , and (4) are replaced by:

(6)
$$
(\sigma_n \overline{f})(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C}')) = \overline{f}(\text{tp}(\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_{P,M})/\mathfrak{C}')) =
$$

$$
h(\text{tp}(\sigma_n^{-1}(c'_{P,M})/\mathfrak{C})) = (\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})),
$$

for any finite disjoint $P, M \subset \omega$

(7) $(\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})) < r \text{ if } n \in P \text{ and } (\tau_n h)(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})) > s \text{ if } n \in M$,

(8)
$$
(\tau_n \overline{g}) \left(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}} \right) < r \text{ if } n \in P, \text{ and}
$$
\n
$$
(\tau_n \overline{g}) \left(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tr}} \right) > s \text{ if } i \in M
$$

$$
(\tau_n \overline{g}) \left(\text{tp}(c'_{P,M}/\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}} \right) > s \text{ if } i \in M,
$$

z. The last property implies that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_T$

respectively. The last property implies that the flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{\text{Tame}})$ is not tame, a contradiction.

Again, from the previous theorem and Theorem [3.2,](#page-14-1) the following corollary follows immediately.

Corollary 4.8. The Ellis group of $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{Tame}$ (treated as a semitopological group with the τ -topology) does not depend on the choice of $\mathfrak C$ as long as $\mathfrak C$ is at least $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)^+$ -homogeneous.

5. Stable vs WAP, and NIP vs tame

In this section, we will study the relationship between the equivalence relations F_{Tame} and F_{WAP} and the finest \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relations on X with NIP and stable quotients, respectively. Assume that \mathfrak{C} is $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -homogeneous (where $X \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$).

Let E be a \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X. In [\[KP22\]](#page-31-10), we defined $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ as the family of all functions $f: X \times \mathfrak{C}^m \to \mathbb{R}$ which factor through $X/E \times \mathfrak{C}^m$ and can be extended to a continuous logic formula $\mathfrak{C}^{\lambda} \times \mathfrak{C}^m \to \mathbb{R}$ over \emptyset , where m ranges over ω . By [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Corollary 2.2], we know that the quotient X/E is stable if and only if every $f \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ is stable.

For $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{[y]}$, by f_b we denote the function $f_b \colon S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}) \to \mathbb{R}$ given by $f_b(p) := f(a, b)$ for any $a/E' \models p$ (where $a \in \mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$, $E' := E(\mathfrak{C}')$, and f , being a restriction of a continuous logic formula, is treated as a function $X(\mathfrak{C}') \times \mathfrak{C}'^{[y]} \to \mathbb{R}$). Since f is a restriction of a continuous logic formula, f_b is continuous.

As mentioned in the introduction, the connection between stability and WAP is well-known (discovered in [\[BY14;](#page-29-2) [BYT16\]](#page-29-3)). This connection is still present for the hyperdefinable set X/E .

Proposition 5.1. Let $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$, and let $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $f(x, y)$ is stable.
- (2) For all $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ the function f_b is WAP (for the flow $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}))$).

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) If the function f_b is not WAP, by Fact [2.13,](#page-7-0) there is a sequence $(a_n)_{n<\omega} \subset X$ and a sequence of automorphisms $(\sigma_m)_{m<\omega} \subset \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that

$$
\lim_{m} \lim_{n} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b)) \neq \lim_{n} \lim_{m} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b)).
$$

Note that we are using that the realized types are dense in $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$. Assume that $\lim_{m} \lim_{n} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b)) > \lim_{n} \lim_{m} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b))$. (The opposite case is analogous.) Then for some real numbers $r < s$ we have

$$
\lim_{m} \lim_{n} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b)) > s \text{ and } \lim_{n} \lim_{m} f(a_n, \sigma_m(b)) < r.
$$

Let us denote $\sigma_m(b)$ by b_m . It is clear that we can choose a subsequence $(a'_i, b'_i)_{i < \omega}$ from $(a_n, b_n)_{n < \omega}$ such that $f(a'_i, b'_j) > s$ whenever $i > j$ and $f(a'_i, b'_j) < r$ whenever $i < j$. That is, the sequence $(a'_i, b'_i)_{i < \omega}$ witnesses unstability of $f(x, y)$.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ If $f(x, y)$ is unstable, we can find an indiscernible sequence $(a_i, b_i)_{i < \omega}$ with $a_i \in X$ and $b_i \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ such that $f(a_i, b_j) \neq f(a_j, b_i)$ for some/all $i < j$. By indiscernibility, for each $i < \omega$ there is $\sigma_i \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that $\sigma_i(b_0) = b_i$ and there exist real numbers $r < s$ such that: $(f(a_i, b_j) = r < s = f(a_j, b_i)$ for all $i < j$ or $(f(a_i, b_j) = s > r = f(a_j, b_i)$ for all $i < j$). Hence, f_{b_0} is not a WAP function by Fact [2.13.](#page-7-0) \Box

Corollary 5.2. The flow $(\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/F}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is WAP if and only if X/E is stable.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) By assumption, for any $f(x,y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$, f_b is WAP, so $f(x, y)$ is stable by Proposition [5.1.](#page-22-1) Hence, X/E is stable by [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Corollary 2.2].

(←) By assumption and [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Corollary 2.2], every function $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ is stable, so for any $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ the function f_b is WAP by Proposition [5.1.](#page-22-1) Thus, since by [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Proposition 2.1] the family of functions $\{f_b : f \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}, b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}\}\$ separates points in $S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C})$, we conclude that $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is WAP by Fact [2.15.](#page-8-2) \Box

Similarly, by [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Lemma 5.7], we know that the quotient X/E has NIP if and only if every $f \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ has NIP (see [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Definition 5.4] for $n = 1$). As mentioned in the introduction, the connection between NIP and tameness flows is well-known (first noticed independently in [\[CS18\]](#page-30-8), [\[Iba16\]](#page-31-1), and [\[Kha20\]](#page-31-2)). This connection is still present for the hyperdefinable set X/E .

Proposition 5.3. Let $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$, and let $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $f(x, y)$ has NIP.
- (2) For all $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ the function f_b is tame.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) If f_b is not tame for some $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{[y]}$, then there is a sequence $(\sigma_i)_{i<\omega} \subset \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that the sequence of functions $(f(x, \sigma_i(b)))_{i<\omega}$ is independent on X , so f has IP by compactness.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ If $f(x, y)$ has IP, then by Ramsey's theorem and compactness, there is an indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i<\omega} \subset \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ for which the sequence $(f(x, b_i))_{i<\omega}$ is independent on X. By indiscernibility, for each $i < \omega$ there is $\sigma_i \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that $\sigma_i(b_0) = b_i$. Hence, f_{b_0} is not a tame function, because the sequence $(\sigma_i f_{b_0})_{i < \omega}$ is independent.

Corollary 5.4. The flow $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is tame if and only if X/E is NIP.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) By assumption, for any $f(x,y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$, f_b is tame, so $f(x, y)$ has NIP by Proposition [5.3.](#page-23-1) Hence, X/E has NIP by [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Lemma 5.7].

(←) By assumption and [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Lemma 5.7], every function $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ has NIP, so for any $b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}$ the function f_b is tame by Proposition [5.3.](#page-23-1) Thus, since by [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Proposition 2.1] the family of functions $\{f_b : f \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}, b \in \mathfrak{C}^{|y|}\}\$ separates points in $S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C})$, we conclude that $(\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}), S_{X/E}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is tame by Fact [2.21.](#page-8-3) \Box

Below we will use the notation introduced in Proposition [2.3](#page-5-0) and the comments following it. Note that, while a \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X induces a closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, the converse is not true. Namely, not every closed, $Aut(\mathfrak{C})$ -invariant equivalence relation on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ is created this way. In the case of $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{WAP}}$ and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$, by Corollaries [5.2](#page-23-2) and [5.4,](#page-23-3) we get that $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ is a WAP flow and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ is a tame flow. However, the next proposition shows that $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ may not be equal to F_{WAP} and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ may not be equal to F_{Tame} .

Proposition 5.5. Assume that X is a \emptyset -type-definable subset of \mathfrak{C}^{λ} , and \mathfrak{C} is $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -saturated and strongly $(\aleph_0 + \lambda)$ -homogeneous.

(1) If X is unstable, then $F_{WAP} \subsetneq \tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{st}$.

(2) If X has IP, then $F_{Tame} \subsetneq \tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{NIP}$.

Proof. The inclusions follow from the above observations that $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ is WAP and $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ is tame. It remains to show that $F_{\text{WAP}} \neq \tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ and $F_{\text{Tame}} \neq \tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$. We will prove the first thing; the proof of the second one is analogous.

Since X is unstable, $E_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}} \neq \emptyset$, so $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ glues some types in $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ which are realized in C.

On the other hand, define a closed equivalence relation E on $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$ by

$$
pEq \iff p_{=} = q_{=},
$$

where p_{\pm} and q_{\pm} denote the restrictions of p and q to the empty language (so we allow only the equality relation). Let $S^{\equiv}_X(\mathfrak{C})$ be the collection of all global types in the empty language of the elements from $X(\mathfrak{C}')$, where $\mathfrak{C}' \succ \mathfrak{C}$ is a monster model of the original theory in which \mathfrak{C} is small. Then $S_X^{\pm}(\mathfrak{C}) = \{ \text{tp}(a/\mathfrak{C}) = : a \in$ X } \cup {the unique non-realized type} is a closed subset of $S_{\mathfrak{C}}^{=}(\mathfrak{C})$ invariant under Aut(\mathfrak{C}). We also see that $S_X(\mathfrak{C})/E \cong S_X^=(\mathfrak{C})$ as Aut(\mathfrak{C})-flows. As the theory of \mathfrak{C} in the empty language is stable, by Corollary [5.2,](#page-23-2) we get that $(Sym(\mathfrak{C}), S_{\mathfrak{C}}^{=}(\mathfrak{C}))$ is WAP. Hence, since WAP is closed under decreasing the acting group and under taking subflows, $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X^=(\mathfrak{C}))$ is also WAP, and so is $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/E)$. Therefore, $F_{\text{WAP}} \subseteq E$. Thus, since E does not glue any realized types in $S_X(\mathfrak{C})$, neither does F_{WAP} .

By the conclusions of the last two paragraphs, we conclude that $F_{\text{WAP}} \neq \tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$. \Box

Although F_{WAP} and F_{Tame} are almost always strictly finer than $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$, the following question and its analog for the tame case remain open:

Question 5.6. Are the Ellis groups of the flows

 $(Aut(\mathfrak{C}), S_X(\mathfrak{C})/F_{WAP})$

and

$$
(\operatorname{Aut}(\mathfrak{C}),S_X(\mathfrak{C})/\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{st})
$$

isomorphic?

Proposition [5.5](#page-23-0) justifies our interest in F_{WAP} and F_{Tame} , because it suggests that the quotients by these equivalence relations should capture more information about the theory in question than the quotients by $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{st}}$ and $\tilde{E}_{\emptyset}^{\text{NIP}}$ while maintaining similar good properties (having in mind that WAP is a dynamical version of stability and tameness a dynamical version of NIP).

Appendix A. A proof of Proposition [2.32](#page-11-2)

To prove Proposition [2.32,](#page-11-2) we need Lemma 3.11 from the first arXiv version of [\[KLM19\]](#page-31-15). The proof is repeated in [\[CGK24,](#page-30-14) Fact 5.15].

Lemma A.1. For any flow (G, X) and $A \subseteq u \mathcal{M}$, the τ -closure $cl_{\tau}(A)$ can be described as the set of all limits contained in uM of the nets $\eta_i a_i$ such that $\eta_i \in \mathcal{M}$, $a_i \in A$, and $\lim_i \eta_i = u$

Proof of Proposition [2.32](#page-11-2). We first show that δ is continuous. Consider an arbitrary subbasic closed set $F_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q},r}$ (see Definition [2.31\)](#page-11-3) and take $\eta \in cl_{\tau}(\delta^{-1}[F_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q},r}]).$ Choose some nets (σ_i) in Aut (\mathfrak{C}) and (η_i) in $\delta^{-1}[F_{\bar{\varphi},\bar{p},\bar{q},r}]$ such that $\lim \sigma_i = u$ and $\lim \sigma_i \eta_i = \eta.$

Suppose for a contradiction that $\eta \notin \delta^{-1}[F_{\bar{\varphi},\bar{p},\bar{q},r}],$ i.e. $\neg R_{\bar{\varphi},r}(\eta(\bar{p}),\bar{q})$. Then there is $b \models r(y)$ such that

$$
\varphi_1(x, b) \in \eta(p_1), \dots, \varphi_m(x, b) \in \eta(p_m)
$$

and

$$
\varphi_{m+1}(x,b) \in q_1, \ldots, \varphi_{m+n}(x,b) \in q_n.
$$

Then there exists i_0 such that for all $i > i_0$ and $j \leq m$ we have $\varphi_i(x, b) \in \sigma_i \eta_i(p_j)$, i.e., $\varphi_i(x, \sigma_i^{-1}(b)) \in \eta_i(p_j)$. On the other hand, since $\lim \sigma_i = u$, $\delta(u) = \mathrm{Id}_{\bar{J}}, q_j \in \bar{J}$, and $\varphi_{m+j}(x, b) \in q_j$ for $j \leq n$, we get that there exists i_1 such that for all $i > i_1$ and $j \leq n$ we have $\varphi_{m+j}(x, b) \in \sigma_i(q_j)$, i.e., $\varphi_{m+j}(x, \sigma_i^{-1}(b)) \in q_j$. Then for every $i > \max(i_0, i_1)$ we have $\neg R_{\bar{\varphi},r}(\eta_i(\bar{p}), \bar{q})$, a contradictions with the choice of η_i .

Next, we show the continuity of δ^{-1} . Consider an arbitrary $\eta \in u\mathcal{M}$ and all open neighborhoods of $\delta(\eta)$ of the form $U_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q},r}$, where $U_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q},r}$ is the complement of $F_{\bar{\varphi},\bar{n},\bar{q},r}$. (This is a basis of open neighborhoods of $\delta(\eta)$, but we will not use it.) Let I consist of all tuples $(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r, b)$, where the tuples $(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r)$ are as in Definition [2.31](#page-11-3) and b is any tuple realizing r and such that

$$
\varphi_1(x,b) \in \delta(\eta)(p_1), \ldots, \varphi_m(x,b) \in \delta(\eta)(p_m), \varphi_{m+1}(x,b) \in q_1, \ldots, \varphi_{m+n}(x,b) \in q_n.
$$

Order I by: $(\overline{\varphi}(x,y), \overline{p}, \overline{q}, r(y), b) \leq (\overline{\varphi}'(x,z), \overline{p}', \overline{q}', r'(z), b')$ if $y \subseteq z$, $r'|_y = r$, $b'|_y = b, m := |\bar{p}| \leq |\bar{p}'| =: m'$ and $n := |\bar{q}| \leq |\bar{q}'| =: n'$, and there exists an injection

 $\sigma\colon\{1,\ldots,m+n\}\to\{1,\ldots,m'+n'\}$

such that $\sigma[\{1, ..., m\}] \subseteq \{1, ..., m'\}, \sigma[\{m+1, ..., m+n\}] \subseteq \{m'+1, ..., m'+n'\},$ and:

- (1) $\varphi_j = \varphi'_{\sigma(j)}$ for all $j \leq m + n$,
- (2) $p_j = p'_{\sigma(j)}$ for all $j \leq m$,
- (3) $q_{m+j} = q'_{\sigma(m+j)}$ for all $j \leq n$.

It is easy to check that (I, \leq) is a directed set. For $i = (\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r, b) \in I$ by U_i we mean $U_{\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r}$. Clearly $i \leq i'$ implies $U_{i'} \subseteq U_i$.

It suffices to show that for any net $(\eta_k)_{k\in K}$ in $u\mathcal{M}$ such that ipp-lim_k $\delta(\eta_k) = \delta(\eta)$ we have τ -lim_k $\eta_k = \eta$. For that it is enough to show that for any subnet $(\rho_i)_{i \in J}$ of $(\eta_k)_{k \in K}$ we have that η is in the τ -closure of $(\rho_j)_{j \in J}$.

Since ipp- $\lim_j \delta(\rho_j) = \delta(\eta)$, for every $i \in I$ there exists $j_i \in J$ such that $\delta(\rho_{j_i}) \in$ U_i . Writing $i = (\bar{\varphi}, \bar{p}, \bar{q}, r, b)$, we can find $b_i \models r$ such that

$$
\varphi_1(x, b_i) \in \delta(\rho_{j_i})(p_1), \dots, \varphi_m(x, b_i) \in \delta(\rho_{j_i})(p_m),
$$

$$
\varphi_{m+1}(x, b_i) \in q_1, \dots, \varphi_{m+n}(x, b_i) \in q_n.
$$

For each $i \in I$, choose $\sigma_i \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{C})$ such that $\sigma(b_i) = b$. Then, by (\star) , we have $\varphi_{m+1}(x, b) \in \sigma_i(q_1), \ldots, \varphi_{m+n}(x, b) \in \sigma_i(q_n).$

Since for varying $i \in I$ the tuples (q_1, \ldots, q_n) range over all finite tuples from $\bar{\mathcal{J}}$ and the tuples $(\varphi_{m+1}(x, b), \ldots, \varphi_{m+n}(x, b))$ over all possible tuples of formulas belonging, respectively, to q_1, \ldots, q_n , we see that $\lim_i \sigma_i|_{\bar{\mathcal{J}}} = \text{Id}_{\bar{\mathcal{J}}}$. So $\lim_i \sigma_i u = u$ and clearly $\sigma_i u \in \mathcal{M}$.

Also by (\star) , $\varphi_1(x, b) \in \sigma_i(\rho_{j_i}(p_1)), \ldots, \varphi_m(x, b) \in \sigma_i(\rho_{j_i}(p_m))$. Again, since for varying $i \in I$ the tuples (p_1, \ldots, p_m) range over all finite tuples from \bar{J} and the tuples $(\varphi_1(x, b), \ldots, \varphi_m(x, b))$ over all possible tuples of formulas belonging, respectively, to $\eta(p_1), \ldots, \eta(p_m)$, we see that $\lim_i(\sigma_i \rho_{j_i})|_{\bar{\mathcal{J}}} = \eta|_{\bar{\mathcal{J}}}$. Since $\rho_{j_i} =$ $\rho_{j_i} u = u \rho_{j_i}$ and $\eta = \eta u$, we get $\lim_i \sigma_i u \rho_{j_i} = \eta$.

Hence, by the previous two paragraphs and Lemma [A.1,](#page-24-1) we conclude that η is in the τ -closure of $(\rho_j)_{j\in J}$ as required.

Appendix B. Products of stable and NIP hyperdefinable sets

We will prove that the properties of stability and NIP for hyperdefinable sets are both preserved under (possibly infinite) Cartesian products. They are also clearly closed under taking type-definable subsets. This yields the following:

Corollary B.1. An arbitrary intersection of \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relations $(E_i)_{i\leq u}$ with stable [resp. NIP] quotients on a \emptyset -type-definable set X is an equivalence relation with stable [resp. NIP] quotient on X. Moreover, a finest \emptyset -typedefinable equivalence relation on X with stable $[resp.~NIP]$ quotient always exists.

Proof. The first part follows from the fact that stability and NIP are preserved under (possibly infinite) Cartesian products and taking type-definable subsets, and the observation that the hyperdefinable set

$$
X/ \textstyle\bigcap_{i<\mu} E_i
$$

can be naturally identified with a type-definable subset of

$$
\prod_{i<\mu}X/E_i
$$

.

For the moreover part, consider the \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relation on X defined as the intersection of all \emptyset -type-definable equivalence relations on X with stable [resp. NIP] quotient, and use the first part. \square

First of all, note that directly from Definitions [2.1](#page-4-0) and [2.2](#page-4-1) and compactness, it follows that in order to get preservation of stability and NIP under possibly infinite Cartesian products, it is enough to show preservation of stability and NIP under products of two hyperdefinable sets. Thus, for the remainder of the appendix, we consider two hyperdefinable sets X/E and Y/F with $X, Y \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$, where λ is smaller than the degree of saturation of \mathfrak{C} (note here that without loss of generality we can assume that X and Y leave on tuples of the same length λ , as if $X \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\alpha}$, then for any β we can replace X by $X \times \mathfrak{C}^{\beta} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\alpha+\beta}$ and E by the relation which is just E on the first α coordinates).

First, we prove preservation of stability. This was stated in [\[HP18,](#page-31-9) Remark 1.4], and the proof we present was suggested by Anand Pillay.

Proposition B.2. Let X/E and Y/F by stable hyperdefinable sets. Then, $X/E \times$ Y/F is a stable hyperdefinable set.

Proof. Suppose the conclusion does not hold. Let $(a_i, b_i, c_i)_{i < \omega}$ be an indiscernible sequence witnessing unstability of $X/E \times Y/F$. That is, for all $i, j < \omega$ $a_i \in X/E$, $b_i \in Y/F$, and $tp(a_i, b_i, c_j) \neq tp(a_j, b_j, c_i)$ for all $i \neq j$. By compactness, without loss of generality we may replace ω by \mathbb{Q} .

Claim. $(c_j)_{j\neq0}$ is indiscernible over a_0 .

Proof. Note that it is enough to show that for any $i_1 < \cdots < i_n < 0 < i' < j_1 <$ $\cdots < j_m$

$$
c_{i_1}, \ldots c_{i_n}, c_{j_1}, \ldots, c_{j_m} \equiv_{a_0} c_{i_1}, \ldots c_{i_{n-1}}, c_{i'}, c_{j_1}, \ldots, c_{j_m}.
$$

Suppose that the conclusion does not hold. This implies that for some setting as above we have

$$
(c_{i_n}, a_0) \neq_K (c_{i'}, a_0),
$$

where

$$
K := \{c_{i_k} : k = 1, \dots, n-1\} \cup \{c_{j_k} : k = 1, \dots, m\}.
$$

On the other hand, by the indicernibility of $(a_i, b_i, c_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Q}}$, we get that $(a_i, c_i)_{i \in (i_{n-1}, j_1)}$ is indiscernible over K; in particular, $(c_{i_n}, a_0) \equiv_K (c_0, a_{i'})$. Hence,

$$
(c_{i'},a_0)\not\equiv_K (c_0,a_{i'}).
$$

Therefore, the sequence $(a_i, c_i K)_{i \in (i_{n-1}, j_1)}$ contradicts the stability of X/E . \Box

Claim. $tp(a_0, b_0, c_j)$ is constant for $j > 0$, $tp(a_0, b_0, c_j)$ is constant for $j < 0$, and $tp(a_0, b_0, c_1) \neq tp(a_0, b_0, c_{-1}).$

Proof. The fact that it is constant follows from the indiscernibility of the original sequence $(a_i, b_i, c_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Q}}$. Moreover, we have

$$
tp(a_0, b_0, c_{-1}) \neq tp(a_{-1}, b_{-1}, c_0) = tp(a_0, b_0, c_1).
$$

From the claims, it follows that for any rational numbers k and $i_1 < \cdots < i_n <$ $k < j_1 < \cdots < j_n$ all distinct from 0, there exists $b'_{k,\bar{i},\bar{j}} \in Y/F$ (where $\bar{i} = (i_1, \ldots, i_n)$) and $\bar{j} = (j_1, \ldots, j_n)$ such that

$$
b'_{k,\bar{i},\bar{j}}c_{i_1} \equiv_{a_0} \cdots \equiv_{a_0} b'_{k,\bar{i},\bar{j}}c_{i_n} \equiv_{a_0} b_0c_{-1}
$$

$$
b'_{k,\bar{i},\bar{j}}c_{j_1} \equiv_{a_0} \cdots \equiv_{a_0} b'_{k,\bar{i},\bar{j}}c_{j_n} \equiv_{a_0} b_0c_1.
$$

Thus, by compactness, there exists a sequence $(b'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}}$ in Y/F such that for $i \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ we have: $b'_k c_i \equiv_{a_0} b_0 c_{-1}$ when $i < k$, and $b'_k c_i \equiv_{a_0} b_0 c_1$ when $i > k$. Hence, by compactness and Ramsey's theorem, there is a sequence $(b_i'', c_i')_{i \leq \omega}$ with $b_i'' \in Y/F$, which is indiscernible over a_0 and

$$
\operatorname{tp}(b_i'',c_j'/a_0) \neq \operatorname{tp}(b_j'',c_i'/a_0)
$$

for all $i < j$, contradicting stability of Y/F .

Now, we turn to the NIP case. See Section [5](#page-22-0) for the definition of the family $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and references concerning it. The next characterization of the functions of the family $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ with NIP follows by compactness and Ramsey's theorem.

Lemma B.3. For any $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ the following are equivalent:

- (1) f has IP.
- (2) There exists an indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i \leq \omega}$, $a \in X$, and real numbers $r < s$ such that

$$
f(a, b_i) \le r \iff i \text{ is even},
$$

$$
f(a, b_i) \ge s \iff i \text{ is odd}.
$$

Proposition B.4. For every $f(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and for every limit ordinal $\gamma \leq \kappa$ (where κ is the degree of saturation of \mathfrak{C}), $f(x, y)$ has NIP if and only if for every indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i < \gamma}$ and $a \in X$ the sequence $(f(a, b_i))_{i < \gamma}$ is convergent.

$$
\sqcup
$$

 \Box

Proof. (\Leftarrow) Suppose $f(x, y)$ has IP. By Lemma [B.3,](#page-27-0) there exist an indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i < \omega}$, an element $a \in X$, and $r < s$ such that

$$
f(a, b_i) \le r \iff i \text{ is even},
$$

$$
f(a, b_i) \ge s \iff i \text{ is odd}.
$$

By compactness, we may extend the indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i<\omega}$ to a new indiscernible sequence $(b'_i)_{i < \gamma}$ such that for any $i < \gamma$: $f(a, b'_i) \leq r$ if i is even, and $f(a, b'_i) \geq s$ if i is odd (where i is even if it is an even natural number or an ordinal of the from $\delta + n$ for some limit ordinal δ and even natural number n; odd ordinals are defined analogously). This contradicts the assumption that the sequence $(f(a, b'_i))_{i < \gamma}$ is convergent.

 (\Rightarrow) Suppose the conclusion does not hold for an indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i \leq \gamma}$ and $a \in X$. That is, for every L there is some $\epsilon > 0$ such that for cofinally many $i < \gamma$ we have $|f(a, b_i) - L| > \epsilon$ (formally this means that for every $\beta < \gamma$ there is $i \in (\beta, \gamma)$ such that $|f(a, b_i) - L| > \epsilon$).

Since $\{f(a, b_i) \mid i < \gamma\} \subset [r_1, r_2]$ for some real numbers $r_1 < r_2$, the sequence $(f(a, b_i))_{i < \gamma}$ must have some accumulation point L_0 . That is, for any $\epsilon > 0$, for cofinally many $i < \gamma$ we have $|f(a, b_i) - L_0| \leq \epsilon$.

Since $(f(a, b_i))_{i \le \gamma}$ does not converge, there is $\epsilon > 0$ such that for cofinally many $j < \gamma$ we have $|f(a, b_j) - L_0| > \epsilon$, and since L_0 is an accumulation point, there are cofinally many $i < \gamma$ for which $| f (a, b_i) - L_0 | \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Thus, there must be either cofinally many $j < \gamma$ such that $f(a, b_j) > L_0 + \epsilon$ or cofinally many $j < \gamma$ such that $f(a, b_j) < L_0 - \epsilon$. Consider the former case (the latter is analogous). Let $r = L_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ and $s = L_0 + \epsilon$.

We now construct an indiscernible sequence $(c_i)_{i\leq \omega}$ which, together with a, will witness that $f(x, y)$ has IP. Let $c_0 = b_i$ for some b_i such that $f(a, b_i) \leq r$. This is possible since there are cofinally many $i < \gamma$ with $f(a, b_i)$ within $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$ of L_0 . Let $c_1 = b_j$ with $j > i$ be such that $f(a, b_j) \geq s$. Similarly, this is possible since there are cofinally many $j < \gamma$ with $f(a, b_j) - L_0 > \epsilon$. Iterating this process infinitely many times, we get a subsequence $(c_i)_{i<\omega}$ of $(b_i)_{i<\gamma}$ which is indiscernible, $f(a, c_i) \leq r$ if and only if i is even, and $f(a, c_i) \geq s$ if and only if i is odd. Thus, this sequence is as required (by Lemma [B.3\)](#page-27-0).

Proposition B.5. Let X/E be a hyperdefinable set with $X \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$. If X/E has NIP, for any indiscernible sequence $(b_i)_{i \leq (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ of tuples from $\mathfrak C$ of length at most λ and any $a/E \in X/E$ there exists $\alpha < (|T| + \lambda)^+$ such that $(b_i)_{\alpha < i < (|T| + \lambda)^+}$ is indiscernible over a/E .

Proof. Let z be the tuple of variables corresponding to some/each b_i . For a subtuple y of z, by b_i^y we will denote the subtuple of b_i corresponding to the variables y.

Assume the conclusion does not hold. Then for every $\alpha < (|T| + \lambda)^+$ there is a finite subtuple y_{α} of z, natural number k_{α} , and two tuples of indices $\alpha < i_1^{\alpha} <$ $\cdots < i_{k_{\alpha}}^{\alpha} < (|T| + \lambda)^{+}$ and $\alpha < j_{1}^{\alpha} < \cdots < j_{k_{\alpha}}^{\alpha} < (|T| + \lambda)^{+}$ such that

$$
\operatorname{tp}(a/E, b_{i_1^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}, \dots, b_{i_{k_{\alpha}}^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}) \neq \operatorname{tp}(a/E, b_{j_1^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}, \dots, b_{j_{k_{\alpha}}^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}).
$$

Thus, by [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Proposition 2.1], there exists a function $f_{\alpha} \colon \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda} \times \mathfrak{C}^{k_{\alpha}|y_{\alpha}|} \to \mathbb{R}$ from the family $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ and rationals $r_{\alpha} < s_{\alpha}$ satisfying

$$
f_{\alpha}(a, b_{i_1^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}, \ldots, b_{i_{\kappa}}^{y_{\alpha}}) \leq r_{\alpha} \wedge f_{\alpha}(a, b_{j_1^{\alpha}}^{y_{\alpha}}, \ldots, b_{j_{\kappa}}^{y_{\alpha}}) \geq s_{\alpha}.
$$

On the other hand, as explained in the proof of [\[KP22,](#page-31-10) Corollary 2.4], for every $m \in \omega$ the space of all functions $\mathfrak{C}^{\lambda} \times \mathfrak{C}^m \to \mathbb{R}$ from the family $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$ with respect to the supremum norm has a dense subset \mathcal{F}_m of cardinality $|T| + \lambda$. It is then clear that for every $\alpha < (|T| + \lambda)^+$ the function f_α above can be chosen from the family $\mathcal{F}_{k_{\alpha}|y_{\alpha}|}$.

Therefore, there is a finite subtuple y of z, natural number k, function $f: \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda} \times$ $\mathfrak{C}^{k|y|} \to \mathbb{R}$ from the family $\mathcal{F}_{X/E}$, and rationals $r < s$ such that $k_{\alpha} = k$, $y_{\alpha} = y$, $f_{\alpha} = f, r_{\alpha} = r$, and $s_{\alpha} = s$ for cofinally many $\alpha < (|T| + \lambda)^{+}$. Then, we can construct inductively a sequence $\mathbf{I} = (i_1^l, \ldots, i_k^l)_{l \leq \omega}$ such that $i_1^l < \cdots < i_k^l < i_1^{l+1}$ for all $l < \omega$ and:

- $f(a, b_{i_1}^y, \ldots, b_{i_k}^y) \le r \iff l$ is even,
- $f(a, b_{i_1}^y, \ldots, b_{i_k}^y) \ge s \iff l$ is odd.

As the sequence (b_{ii}^y) $\langle u_i^y, \ldots, b_{i_k^l}^y \rangle_{l \leq \omega}$ is indiscernible, this implies (by Lemma [B.3\)](#page-27-0) that the function f has IP. By [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Lemma 5.7], this is a contradiction with the assumption that X/E has NIP.

Corollary B.6. Let X/E and Y/F be hyperdefinable sets with NIP. Then $X/E \times$ Y/F has NIP.

Proof. Recall that without loss of generality, $X, Y \subseteq \mathfrak{C}^{\lambda}$. Let $(c_i)_{i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ be an arbitrary indiscernible sequence of finite tuples from \mathfrak{C} , and $(a/E, b/F)$ an arbitrary pair from $X/E \times Y/F$.

By Proposition [B.5,](#page-28-0) there is $\alpha < (|T| + \lambda)^+$ such that $(c_i)_{\alpha < i < (|T| + \lambda)^+}$ is indiscernible over a/E . Hence, by compactness and Ramsey's theorem, we can find $a'Ea$ for which $(c_i a')_{\alpha < i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ is indiscernible. Applying Proposition [B.5](#page-28-0) again, but this time to the sequence $(c_i a')_{\alpha < i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$, we get that there exists $\beta < (|T|+\lambda)^+$ such that $(c_i a')_{\beta < i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ is indiscernible over b/F . Then $(c_i)_{\beta < i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ is indiscernible over $(a/E, b/F)$. Hence, for every $f(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E \times Y/F}$ with $|z| = |c_i|$, the sequence $(f(a, b, c_i))_{\beta < i < (|T|+\lambda)^+}$ is constant. Therefore, since a/E , b/F , and the sequence $(c_i)_{i\lt(\vert T\vert+\lambda)^+}$ were arbitrary, using Proposition [B.4,](#page-27-1) we conclude that every $f(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{F}_{X/E \times Y/F}$ has NIP. Therefore, $X/E \times Y/F$ has NIP by [\[PF24,](#page-32-7) Lemma 5.7].

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